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8-Day Ultimate China Luxury Tour with Shangri-La Hotels

Overview

Beijing → Xi'an → Suzhou → Shanghai

Embark on an unforgettable 8-day journey through China's cultural gems - **Beijing**, **Xian**, **Shanghai**, and **Suzhou** - where **Shangri-La branded hotels** seamlessly blend luxury and comfort. From the **imperial allure** of Beijing to the **ancient terracotta wonders** of Xian, the **futuristic skyline** of Shanghai, and the serene beauty of **Suzhou's gardens**, this curated tour promises a perfect **balance of opulence and cultural exploration**. Join us for an enchanting experience where every day is a fusion of history, modernity, and the unmatched hospitality of Shangri-La.

Tour Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN BEIJING

Upon arrival, a dedicated tour representative will warmly greet you at the airport and ensure a smooth and comfortable transfer to your hotel.

Included Meals: No meals

Accommodation: Shangri-La China World or similar

Note:

Transfers:

A group transfer will be available at a designated time. If your flight arrives outside of our scheduled time, you will be responsible for arranging your own transfer from the airport to the hotel at your own expense.

DAY 2: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Embark on a captivating exploration of Beijing's imperial wonders. Begin at Tiananmen Square, one of the world's largest public squares, before delving into the Forbidden City—an ancient palace complex exclusive to the Ming Dynasty. Enjoy an exclusive private tour, navigating courtyards and passages for an unforgettable experience. Dive into Beijing's cultural tapestry by exploring the historic hutongs, traditional alleyways that offer a glimpse into the past. As these disappearing gems unfold, savor a unique perspective of China's rich heritage. The evening grants you free time to relish the day's discoveries at your leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La China World or similar

Note:

Forbidden City Availability:

Due to a daily limit on ticket availability for the Forbidden City, entry cannot be guaranteed and is subject to availability. If tickets are not secured, an alternative visit to the Temple of Heaven will be provided.

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DAY 3: GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Prepare yourself for an extraordinary day of exploration, delving into the treasures of China! Begin your adventure at the awe-inspiring Great Wall, a UNESCO marvel that promises ancient pathways and awe-inspiring vistas. Immerse yourself in China's storied history, then uncover the intricate legacy of jade, known as "Yu" in Chinese, meticulously crafted by skilled artisans for over four millennia. Conclude your day by marvelling at the modern wonders of the Olympic Venues—the iconic Bird's Nest and Water Cube from the unforgettable 2008 Games. As you wind down, you have the option to either retreat to your hotel or elevate your experience with an optional activity. Get ready for an unforgettable journey that will leave you in awe!

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La China World or similar

Optional Activities:

Beijing Opera & Kungfu Show:

Join us tonight for a vibrant feast of storytelling, costumes, and martial arts. Traditional Chinese music sets the rhythm for acrobatic Kungfu maneuvers, while expressive masks and elaborate makeup create a visual spectacle. Experience an immersive journey into ancient Chinese artistry (Note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

DAY 4: BEIJING - XI'AN

Start your day with a delightful breakfast, setting the stage for an enchanting journey to the magnificent Temple of Heaven. This awe-inspiring structure, with its deep historical significance, will transport you back in time to ancient Imperial China. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of its iconic halls and pavilions, and witness the rich heritage of the past come to life. Afterward, we'll continue our adventure to Xian, the captivating and ancient city of China. Get ready for an extraordinary experience!

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La Xian or similar

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Experience an enthralling day of exploration in Xi'an! Begin early with a visit to the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, where you'll be surrounded by life-sized guardians of China's first emperor. Immerse yourself in history and marvel at the intricate details. After a delightful local lunch, continue your journey in the vibrant Muslim Quarter. Get lost in the narrow alleys adorned with stunning Islamic architecture, and let the tantalizing aroma of street food classics like roujiamo and liangpi guide your way. Indulge your senses and savour the flavours of this bustling culinary paradise. Today is filled with discovery, history, and culinary delights!

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La Xian or similar

DAY 6: XIAN - SHANGHAI - SUZHOU

Today brace yourself for an exhilarating journey to Shanghai, the vibrant heart of China. Immerse yourself in the allure of the Bund and soak in the vibrant atmosphere of the Yu Garden Bazaar. As night falls, anticipate a delightful stay at the opulent Shangri-La Hotel in Suzhou, promising relaxation and a tranquil night's sleep. Get ready for an adventure that is bound to leave an indelible mark in your memory!

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DAY 6: (CONTINUED)

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La Suzhou or similar

Optional Activities:

Huangpu River Cruise Tour:

Discover the enchanting allure of Shanghai from a unique perspective on a Huangpu River Cruise. As you glide along the shimmering waters of the Huangpu River, you'll have an unobstructed view of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the beautiful Bund district, a testament to Shanghai's colonial past with its impressive line-up of European-style buildings. As night falls, marvel at the stunning cityscape illuminated by a kaleidoscope of lights, creating a captivating symphony of colour. The sight of the modern high-rise buildings on the Pudong side contrasted against the historic architecture of the Bund on the Puxi side offers a stunning visual depiction of Shanghai's rapid evolution. This river cruise is more than just a sightseeing tour; it's an immersive journey into the heart of Shanghai's vibrant spirit. (Note: This optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site.)

DAY 7: SUZHOU

Start your day with a visit to the breathtaking Master of Net's Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its classical Chinese garden design. Marvel at the intricate pavilions, meandering corridors, and serene ponds that transport you to a world of timeless beauty and tranquillity. Next, immerse yourself in the charm of Pingjiang Road, a picturesque ancient street adorned with traditional houses, quaint shops, and bustling local life. As you stroll along the cobblestones, you'll be captivated by the vibrant cultural tapestry woven into every corner. To conclude your day, don't miss the opportunity to visit a local Silk Factory. Witness the fascinating artistry of silk production and gain firsthand insights into the meticulous craftsmanship that has shaped Suzhou's silk industry for centuries. Indulge in the rich history and immerse yourself in the captivating beauty of Suzhou.

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Shangri-La Suzhou or similar

DAY 8: DEPART SHANGHAI

After savoring a delightful breakfast at the hotel, take a moment to reflect on the incredible experiences you've had during your journey. Once you're ready, you'll be transferred to the airport, where you'll check in for your flight home. As you depart, carry with you the memories of the beautiful sights and vibrant cultures you've explored, and look forward to sharing your adventures with family and friends. Safe travels!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: N/A

Note:

Transfers:

A group transfer will be available at a designated time. If your flight arrives outside of our scheduled time, you will be responsible for arranging your own transfer from the airport to the hotel at your own expense.

Things To Know

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 7 nights' stay at luxurious Shangri-La branded hotels
- Daily breakfast and 6 lunches featuring local specialties
- Roundtrip airport transfers for the group
- Comfortable transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- Admission fees for specified sightseeing activities
- Knowledgeable English-speaking guide accompanying the entire tour
- Tips and gratuities included for your convenience

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare & taxes
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities
- Travel insurance and other personal items
- Visa fees

GROUP SIZE REQUIREMENT

- Minimum: 2 individuals
- Maximum: 16 individuals

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Day 03 - Beijing Opera & Kungfu Show ¥380 CNY per person
- Day 06 - Huangpu River Cruise Tour ¥300 CNY per person

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PAYMENT TERMS

To secure your booking, full payment is required at the time of reservation. After creating your booking, you will be directed to your invoice, where you can select your preferred payment method.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes:

Please note that any changes or upgrades requested after the booking is confirmed will be subject to a fee of AUD220 per person per change, in addition to any applicable supplier costs. This fee covers modifications to flights, hotels, tour dates, or any other services included in your package. To ensure smooth processing, we kindly request that you provide us with a minimum of 72 hours notice for all voluntary changes.

Cancellations & Refunds:

Please note that in the event of tour cancellation, a cancellation fee of AUD550 per person will be charged, in addition to any relevant supplier costs. Refund requests must be submitted in writing and will take up to 6 weeks to process. It is important to note that no refunds can be issued once the tour has commenced (for the flight-inclusive package, no refunds can be issued once the flights have been ticketed).

Name Correction Fees:

A fee of AUD220 per person applies to name corrections on documents, along with any supplier costs. Kindly note that name corrections must be requested at least 72 hours prior to departure and are subject to approval from the supplier.

Document Change Fees:

A fee of AUD220 per person will be charged for any passport changes, in addition to any applicable supplier costs. Please note that train tickets and admission access must be linked to your travel passport details. Any changes to passport information must be requested at least 14 days before departure and are subject to approval from the supplier.

Supplier Fees:

In the event that the tour you have purchased is unable to proceed or a travel supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (such as a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our suppliers and is unrecoverable. This could be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins, or unrecoverable payments with our land/accommodation partners. As your agent, Better Trip is committed to covering these costs and will make every effort to recover all funds committed and/or paid for your tour. However, please note that this may not be possible in every circumstance. If refunds are unavailable from our suppliers, we will strive to obtain a travel credit with the best possible terms and communicate these options to you. If Better Trip cannot obtain a refund, travel service credit, or only a partial refund, this cost will be passed on to the customer as a supplier fee. It is important to note that this fee is not intended to generate revenue but to cover the payments our suppliers withhold during the recovery process.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

To ensure a smooth journey, it is imperative that you possess a valid passport and have obtained all necessary visas, permits, and certificates for the countries you plan to visit. Please note that passports are mandatory for all travellers when departing from Australia. For a permanent resident to travel on a foreign passport, you must also hold an Australian Re-entry Visa. Additionally, many countries require foreign nationals entering their borders to possess a passport with a minimum of six months validity. Remember, the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the accuracy of your documentation lies with you as the individual traveller. Any fines, penalties, or expenses incurred due to incorrect documentation will be solely your responsibility.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance is a requirement for all our travellers and should be obtained at the time of booking. Your travel insurance should cover personal accidents, death, medical expenses, and emergency repatriation, with a recommended minimum coverage of US\$200,000 for each category. We also strongly recommend coverage for cancellation, curtailment, personal liability, luggage loss, and personal effects. On the first day of your trip, you must provide proof of your travel insurance. Please note that joining the trip will not be possible without it. If you would like our assistance obtaining travel insurance, please contact us via email at bookings@bettertrip.com.au.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Some of our packages include airport transfers in one or both directions for your arrival or departure from your destination. To determine if transfers are included, please refer to the "What's Included" section of your selected package.

If you arrange pre- or post-tour accommodations independently and the tour includes transfers, please note that these transfers will be forfeited. Transfers are provided only in conjunction with the tour dates and any pre- or post-tour accommodations booked through Better Trip, when available.

Additionally, our standard airport transfers operate on a group basis, which may involve waiting times of up to 2 hours. To avoid any potential delays, we recommend booking a private transfer for a more prompt and personalized service. For more information, please contact us at bookings@bettertrip.com.au.

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DEFAULT FLIGHTS

The default flights included in this package have been predetermined by our product team in collaboration with the airline carriers. Please note the following conditions:

- The default flights cannot be changed or refunded at any time. If these flights are not used, any unused segments will be forfeited without a refund.
- Flight carriers and schedules will be available approximately three months before the tour date.
- For customised flight requests, including changes to flight times, airlines, or classes, a re-quote will be provided at the prevailing market price, and additional charges may apply.
- If you have booked a flight-inclusive package and choose not to use the default flights, please notify us at least 72 hours before departure. Failure to do so will be considered a no-show, and the entire tour will be cancelled without a refund.

If you have any further questions or require assistance, please contact us at bookings@bettertrip.com.au.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Fitness Requirements

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience, participants in our tours should have a moderate level of fitness, including the ability to walk for extended periods and navigate varying terrains. The tour may involve physical activities such as hiking and walking tours, so we recommend being comfortable with exertion for several hours. If you have any pre-existing medical conditions, please consult a healthcare professional before booking. Regular physical activity leading up to the tour is encouraged to enhance your experience. Your safety is our top priority, so if you feel unwell during the tour, please inform your local guide.

Accommodation

Accommodations included in your tour package will be specified in your itinerary. While we strive to provide the listed accommodations, substitutions may be necessary due to availability. For bedding configurations, we offer double or twin options for travellers sharing a room, based on availability. Solo travellers who have purchased the single supplement will have the option of a single bed. Check-in is typically between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM, and check-out usually occurs between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM; early or late check-in/out may be available upon request, but is not guaranteed. Standard amenities will be provided, although additional services may incur extra charges. We are not liable for any loss or damage to personal property during your stay, so we recommend securing travel insurance for unforeseen events. Lastly, guests are responsible for adhering to any health and safety guidelines set by the accommodation providers.

Underage Travellers

All travellers under the age of 18 must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian to participate in the tour and must be accompanied by a responsible adult who will ensure their safety and well-being. Accommodation arrangements must comply with the policies of the accommodation provider, which may have age restrictions regarding room occupancy. Parents or guardians are responsible for informing us of any medical conditions or special requirements for the minor, and we recommend that all minors have appropriate travel insurance. Some of our packages are exclusively available for adult travellers aged 18 and over. All travellers are expected to adhere to our code of conduct; inappropriate behaviour may result in removal from the tour without a refund. Additionally, some activities may have age restrictions, and it is the responsibility of the accompanying adult to ensure all activities are suitable for the minor.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

Tipping

Tipping is not included in your tour package and is expected to be paid during the tour. We recommend a gratuity of AUD 20 per day, per person for tour guides, drivers, and other service personnel to reflect the level of service provided. Tipping can be made in cash and given directly to the service personnel at your discretion. Please note that tipping customs may vary by country, so we encourage you to familiarize yourself with local practices. By participating in our tours, you acknowledge and accept this tipping policy.

Itinerary Modification

The itinerary presented in your tour package is subject to modification due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Better Trip, such as weather conditions and operational requirements. In the event of any changes, we will notify you via email with relevant advice or instructions as soon as possible. While we will strive to provide suitable alternative arrangements, we cannot guarantee that all aspects of the original itinerary will remain unchanged. It is the traveller's responsibility to stay informed of updates prior to departure, and by booking with us, you acknowledge and accept that itinerary modifications may occur.