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Overview

Beijing → Wuxi → Suzhou → Hangzhou → Shanghai → Xi'an

Discover the highlights of China on this exciting tour! Begin in Beijing, where you'll explore the **Great Wall**, **Tiananmen Square**, and the **Forbidden City**, all while indulging in delicious local specialties. Next, travel to Wuxi and Suzhou to enjoy scenic parks and the art of silk-making. In Hangzhou, savor the exquisite Longjing tea by the picturesque **West Lake** before concluding your adventure in Shanghai, soaking in its vibrant culture and stunning skyline. Finally, journey to Xi'an to marvel at the iconic **Terracotta Army**. With comfortable accommodations and expert guidance throughout, this tour promises an unforgettable experience.

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: Beijing Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar

Note:

Transfers:

A group transfer will be provided at a designated time. If your flight arrival falls outside the scheduled group transfer time, you will need to arrange your own transportation from the airport to the hotel at your own expense.

DAY 2: BEIJING

After breakfast, you'll embark on a visit to a Jade Museum, where you'll delve into the fascinating history of jade and witness skilled artisans crafting intricate designs. In Chinese culture, jade is known as "Yu" and boasts a history spanning at least four thousand years.

Following your museum visit, enjoy a scenic drive through picturesque countryside and mountainous landscapes as you make your way to China's most iconic monument, the Great Wall. Along the journey, you'll savour a delicious lunch featuring local Beijing dishes.

Upon arrival at the Great Wall, you'll explore the less-travelled Juyong Pass, which offers a more authentic experience away from the crowded sections. The Great Wall stretches over 5,600 km, winding through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert, showcasing the breathtaking beauty of the landscape.

DAY 2: (CONTINUED)

Included Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Beijing Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar

Optional Activities:

Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner:

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour (not included, paid on tour) of Beijing's 700-year-old Hutongs (narrow lanes) area by old-fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family to experience the local customs and enjoy a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes visiting Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, Houhai and Xihai) which surround places of historic interest, scenic beauty and remnants of old-style hutong and courtyard local residences. (note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

DAY 3: BEIJING

After breakfast, you'll make your way to 'Tong Ren Tang' to explore the fascinating world of traditional Chinese medicine. Next, visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, where you can take in its vastness and historical significance. Following this, you'll tour the Imperial Palace within the Forbidden City, officially known as The Palace Museum. Originally constructed between 1406 and 1420 under the reign of Emperor Yong Le, the Forbidden City has experienced numerous events throughout history, including fires, invasions, and renovations. As a result, much of the architecture you see today reflects styles from the 1700s and beyond, showcasing the enduring legacy of this remarkable site.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Beijing Chun Hui Yuan Resort or similar

Optional Activities:

The Golden Mask Dynasty:

The Golden Mask Dynasty Show is an enchanting theatrical performance set in ancient China, featuring a blend of dance, acrobatics, and special effects, including an on-stage waterfall. Held in Beijing, the show tells the romantic and dramatic tale of a queen of the mythical Golden Mask Dynasty and her love for a rival general, beautifully weaving themes of love, conflict, and reconciliation (note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

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.

DAY 4: BEIJING - WUXI

Get ready for an exhilarating day as you embark on a high-speed train journey to Wuxi! After a seamless transfer to the railway station, you'll experience the thrill of traveling at incredible speeds. Once you arrive in Wuxi, a friendly tour representative will be waiting to greet you and guide you to your hotel, ensuring a smooth start to your exciting adventures ahead!

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Rezen Shuguangwei Hotel or similar

DAY 5: WUXI - SUZHOU

This morning, you'll gain valuable insight into China's vast manufacturing and production capabilities with a visit to a Pearl Factory, where you'll learn about freshwater pearls—an important export commodity with deep cultural significance dating back to the Han dynasty.

Next, enjoy a visit to Lihu Park, a serene oasis located along the picturesque shores of Lake Lihu. Here, you'll find lush greenery, scenic walking paths, and charming bridges, perfect for taking in the tranquil views. Keep an eye out for locals cycling around the lake, fishing, and boating on the water.

In the afternoon, you'll drive to Suzhou, where you can check in at your hotel and relax before continuing your adventures.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Suzhouwan Holiday Inn Express Hotel or similar

DAY 6: SUZHOU - HANGZHOU

With a history that dates back to 514 BC, Suzhou is often called the "Venice of the East." During your visit, you'll explore the renowned UNESCO-listed Lingering Garden, celebrated for its stunning landscape and classical design. Following this, you'll stop by a silk spinning factory, where you can witness first-hand the exquisite craftsmanship that has made China famous for its luxurious silk.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jinhuating International Hotel or similar

Optional Activities:

Grand Canal Cruise:

Experience the enchanting Grand Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the oldest man-made waterways in the world. As you glide through serene waters, enjoy picturesque scenery, traditional buildings, and vibrant gardens that reflect rich cultural heritage. This historic canal reveals its significance as a bustling trade route, offering a unique perspective on its fascinating stories. Relax and soak in the charming atmosphere, making your cruise an unforgettable highlight of your journey. (note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

DAY 07: HANGZHOU – SHANGHAI

Hangzhou, celebrated as one of China's tea capitals, offers an essential experience at a local tea house. Today, you'll visit the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village, located in the scenic hinterland of West Lake Park, a key area for Longjing Tea production. Immerse yourself in the beautiful surroundings while learning the art of making Longjing Tea, from picking and frying the leaves to tasting the brew.

Afterwards, enjoy a short boat ride on the UNESCO-listed West Lake, taking in the enchanting views of willow-draped islands.

Finally, you'll drive to Shanghai to visit the iconic Bund, where modern skyscrapers on the eastern side of the Huangpu River contrast with traditional European-style architecture on the western side.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fangta Holiday Inn Express or similar

Optional Activities:

Era & The Intersection of Time:

"ERA & The Intersection of Time" is a dazzling Chinese acrobatic show that merges traditional artistry with modern performance techniques. Featuring breathtaking stunts, intricate choreography, and stunning visual effects, each act tells a captivating story that highlights China's rich cultural heritage while celebrating the connection between past and present. With vibrant costumes and talented performers, "ERA" promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you in awe of its incredible talent. (note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

DAY 08: SHANGHAI

This morning, you'll explore the fascinating history of Shanghai at the Shanghai History Museum, a landmark that provides a thorough insight into the city's rich heritage. In the afternoon, take some leisure time to unwind or select from a variety of optional activities to enrich your experience.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fangta Holiday Inn Express or similar

Optional Activities:

Half-Day Shanghai Tour:

Discover the vibrant blend of tradition and modernity on this half-day Shanghai tour. Start at Yu Garden, a stunning classical garden filled with intricate rockeries and tranquil ponds that showcase the city's rich history. Next, explore the charming Xintiandi district, known for its unique stone-lane architecture and trendy boutiques. Immerse yourself in local culture as you stroll through the historic Old Town, and experience the bustling energy of Nanjing Road, Shanghai's premier shopping street lined with both international brands and local shops. This tour offers a delightful mix of history, culture, and contemporary flair. (note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

Huangpu River Night Cruise:

Experience the enchantment of Shanghai on a Huangpu River night cruise, where the city's stunning skyline shines under twinkling lights. Relax aboard the comfortable vessel, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere and captivating stories about Shanghai's rich history. This unforgettable cruise offers a unique perspective on the city's mesmerizing nightscape (note that the optional tour is not included and must be paid for on-site).

DAY 09: SHANGHAI - XI'AN

Today, you will travel to Xi'an via flight or bullet train, followed by a transfer to your hotel. Once settled in, enjoy a day of leisure to explore Xi'an at your own pace. Take the opportunity to discover the city's rich history, vibrant culture, and delicious local cuisine.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mercure Xi'an Dazhai Road or similar

DAY 10: XI'AN

Start your day at the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, where thousands of life-size sculptures of soldiers, chariots, and horses await you. These remarkable figures, each with unique expressions, were created to accompany the Qin Emperor into the afterlife, marking this site as one of the 20th century's most significant archaeological discoveries. Next, explore the bustling Muslim Quarter, where a dazzling array of snacks will tempt your taste buds. Enjoy local delicacies from popular stalls and elegant restaurants, while also browsing souvenir shops featuring costumes, crafts, and everyday items. Afterward, visit the impressive City Wall, the best-preserved in China, showcasing ancient military architecture. Conclude your day at Bell Tower & Drum Tower Square, home to the largest and best-preserved bell tower in China, a vital landmark at the center of Xi'an that connects the city's main roads.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Mercure Xi'an Dazhai Road or similar

DAY 11: DEPART XI'AN

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 provided at a designated time. If your flight departure is outside the scheduled group transfer time, you will need to arrange your own transportation from the hotel to airport at your own expense.

Things To Know

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- One-way high-speed train from Beijing to Wuxi in 2nd class
- One-way flight from Shanghai to Xi'an in economy class (or train in 2nd class)
- 10 nights' accommodation in quality 4-star hotels
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch with local specialties
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing entrance fees as specified
- Experienced English-speaking guide throughout the tour

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare and taxes
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips & gratuities (mandatory \$20 AUD per person per day)
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance and other personal items are not included.

GROUP SIZE REQUIREMENT

- Minimum: 20 individuals
- Maximum: 44 individuals

TRAVELLER ELIGIBILITIES

- This program is exclusively available for adult travelers aged 18 and older.
- For those holding passports from countries other than Australia or New Zealand, an overseas traveller surcharge may apply. Please reach out to us for more details.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Day 02 - Hutong Pedicab Tour & Dinner - \$300 CNY per person
- Day 03 - Golden Mask Dynasty - \$330 CNY per person
- Day 06 - Grand Canal Cruise - \$220 CNY per person
- Day 07 - ERA & The Intersection of Time - \$390 CNY per person
- Day 08 - Half-Day Shanghai Tour - \$240 CNY per person
- Day 08 - Huangpu River Night Cruise - \$280 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.