

13 Days | China Discovery with Terracotta Warriors | Includes Flights Shanghai - Wuxi - Nanjing - Suzhou - Hangzhou - Xian - Beijing

From **\$2,499** Typically \$3,299 ✈️ pp twin share



Return International Economy Class Airfares from Australia to China

Discover the bustling cities of Shanghai and Beijing

Come face to face with the ancient Terracotta Warriors

A range of extra Optional Activities for you to choose from!

Description



Embark on an exhilarating and culturally enriching 13-day odyssey as you traverse the diverse tapestry of China, unraveling the wonders of ancient civilizations, immersing yourself in vibrant cultural tapestries, and feasting your eyes on the breathtaking landscapes that characterize this enchanting country.

Your epic journey will take you through a mesmerizing itinerary, where each stop promises a new chapter of discovery and awe.

Begin your adventure amidst the dazzling skyline and bustling streets of Shanghai, where modernity meets tradition in a harmonious blend. Meander through the vibrant local markets, sample delectable street food and witness the fusion of contemporary architecture with historical landmarks. The city's energy and dynamism set the perfect tone for the adventures that lie ahead.

From Shanghai, your expedition will lead you to the picturesque city of Wuxi, where tranquil landscapes and traditional charm converge. Explore the serene gardens and marvel at the city's rich history, offering a serene respite before the journey continues to Nanjing. Uncover the layers of history in Nanjing, from ancient monuments to modern innovations, as you stroll through its historic streets and absorb the essence of this storied city.

Suzhou, renowned for its classical Chinese gardens, will be your next destination, offering a retreat into a world of beauty and tranquility. Wander through the meticulously designed gardens, explore ancient water towns, and partake in local traditions that have endured for centuries.

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Hangzhou, with its iconic West Lake and tea plantations, invites you to indulge in its natural beauty and cultural treasures. Drift along the serene waters of West Lake, savor the aroma of freshly brewed tea, and immerse yourself in the poetic ambiance of this scenic paradise.

As your journey unfolds, the ancient city of Xian beckons with its world-famous Terracotta Warriors and a wealth of historical treasures. Marvel at the craftsmanship of these ancient statues and delve into the rich history that surrounds them.

The grand finale of your exploration awaits in Beijing, where the imperial grandeur of the Forbidden City and the historic significance of the Great Wall leave an indelible impression. Roam through the majestic palaces, stand atop the Great Wall, and absorb the cultural significance that emanates from every corner of this iconic city.

This 13-day expedition is not just a mere itinerary; it is a curated experience that transcends the ordinary, offering you an intimate glimpse into the heart and soul of China. Don't miss this golden opportunity to uncover the marvels of ancient civilizations, immerse yourself in vibrant cultures, and



behold the breathtaking landscapes that await you in every corner of this captivating nation. Join us on a journey that goes beyond the beaten path, allowing you to explore what few tourists have had the privilege to experience. Your adventure awaits – are you ready to be awe-inspired?

Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Shanghai, China

Today you will check in and board your flight bound for China. Upon arrival, a dedicated tour representative will warmly welcome you at the airport and arrange your comfortable hotel transfer.

Meals: Inflight Menu

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Shanghai or similar

Day 2

Shanghai 🚗 Wuxi

Begin the day with a visit to the awe-inspiring Lujiazui Skywalk. From this vantage point, you'll be treated to a breathtaking panorama of Shanghai's iconic landmarks, including the Oriental Pearl Tower and Shanghai World Financial Center. As we make our way to Wuxi, we'll make a stop at the Hui-style Ancient Village Food Street for an authentic culinary adventure. Indulge in a blend of traditional and modern flavours that will surely tantalize your taste buds. Next, immerse yourself in the tranquillity of the Qingming Bridge Water Aley, a hidden gem amidst the bustling metropolis. Take a leisurely stroll through the alley, marveling at the ancient architecture and the serene waters of the canal. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace or opt to join our optional tour for further exploration.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Wuxi Taihu New City or similar

Day 3

Wuxi 🚗 Nanjing

Start your day with a visit to the peaceful Changguangxi Wetland Park. This tranquil setting offers the perfect opportunity to reconnect with nature as you stroll leisurely along winding paths, surrounded by lush greenery and vibrant flowers. After this calm morning, visit the renowned Taihu Pearl Museum, where you'll embark on a journey into the intricate world of pearl cultivation. From nurturing oysters to the delicate process of harvesting, you'll get a first-hand look at the cultivation and appreciation of these lustrous jewels. After lunch, we'll head to the heart of Nanjing to explore the Confucius Temple and the Qinhuai River Scenic Area. Wander through the beautifully preserved temple complex and admire the intricate architecture adorned with traditional Chinese motifs. To conclude the day, you'll be transported back in time as you wander through the enchanting Laomendong Historical and Cultural District. Meander through narrow alleyways, discovering hidden gems at every turn, marvel at the well-preserved traditional courtyard houses, and explore quaint shops selling local handicrafts while indulging in the enticing aroma of traditional snacks.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Nanjing Happy Valley or similar

Day 4

Nanjing 🚗 Suzhou

The day begins with an invigorating exploration of the Shitoucheng Archaeological Park, a site that holds the remnants of ancient civilizations and provides fascinating insights into China's past. Here, you'll witness the evidence of early human existence and gain a deeper understanding of the region's historical development. From there, we head to the Jade Artifacts Exhibition Centre, a haven for art and history enthusiasts alike. Experience close encounters with intricate jade works of art, marvel at the masterpieces and discover jade's profound symbolism and significance in Chinese culture. After lunch, we proceed to the Couple's Garden, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Renowned for its stunning beauty and tranquillity, this garden is a testament to the elegant simplicity and charm of classical Chinese garden art. Spend the afternoon immersing yourself in its awe-inspiring scenery, complete with picturesque pavilions, ponds, and rock formations that harmoniously blend to create an enchanting setting. You have the rest of the day to enjoy at your leisure, offering the perfect chance to immerse yourself in the city's vibrant culture and lifestyle at your own rhythm, or alternatively, you can join our optional tour.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Suzhou Changjiang or similar

Day 5

Suzhou Hangzhou

Embark on a day filled with rich history, culture, and scenic beauty. Our first stop is the Silk Culture Museum, where you'll delve into the fascinating world of silk production. Witness the intricate process from cocoon to loom, learn about the cultural significance of silk in Chinese history, and marvel at the stunning displays of ancient silk garments. After lunch, we ascend to the Chenghuang Pavilion. Standing tall over the city of Hangzhou, this architectural wonder offers fabulous panoramic views of the city, West Lake, and beyond. Take a moment to admire the detailed carvings and artwork that adorn the pavilion. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at your own pace. You may relax and soak up the local culture, or join our optional tour for those seeking further exploration.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Hangzhou Chaoshan or similar

Day 6

Hangzhou Shanghai

Kickstart your day with a refreshing visit to the Meijiawu Tea Culture Village. Here, you'll experience the traditional Chinese tea culture first-hand, visiting an authentic tea plantation, relishing the serene beauty of the landscape and, of course, savouring a cup of the finest green tea. Next, we'll journey to the G20 City Balcony, a top-rated viewing platform, where you can marvel at the breathtaking views of the Qiantang River. This is a prime spot to appreciate the river's grandeur and the city's architectural beauty in one panoramic scene.

A stop at the Health Preservation Centre is up next. Here, you'll gain valuable insights into the ancient Chinese philosophy of balancing body, mind, and spirit for optimal health and longevity. After lunch, we'll proceed to Nanjing Road, Shanghai's premier shopping street. Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of retail, where East meets West, and traditional shops stand alongside modern boutiques.

The rest of the evening is yours to spend leisurely, providing the perfect chance to explore Shanghai's vibrant nightlife. Alternatively, you can choose to join our optional tour for an even more fulfilling experience.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Shanghai or similar

Day 7

Shanghai Xian

Experience the pure joy of starting your day with a delectable hotel breakfast. Today, embark on a journey to Xian, the captivating ancient city of China. As you arrive, a dedicated local tour representative will extend a warm welcome and accompany you to your hotel. Take a moment to relax and unwind, or join us for optional tours and embark on your exploration of the enchanting city of Xian.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar

Day 8

Xian

Today's highlight is a visit to the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, a mesmerizing wonder near Xi'an. Unearthed from the depths, these life-size sculptures depict soldiers, chariots, and horses, showcasing an extraordinary artistry that captivates the imagination. Each soldier possesses unique facial expressions and is adorned with meticulously crafted weaponry. Created to accompany the Qin Emperor into the afterlife, the Terracotta Warriors stand as a testament to ancient beliefs and customs. This archaeological marvel, one of the greatest excavations of the 20th century, leaves visitors awestruck by its sheer scale and magnificence.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar

Day 9

Xian

Today offers you the perfect opportunity to embrace freedom and leisurely uncover the hidden treasures of the city or revisit your most cherished spots. For an even more enriching experience, why not consider joining an optional guided tour? It's a fantastic way to enhance your exploration and make the most of this extraordinary day!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Titan Times Hotel or similar

Day 10

Xian Beijing

Start your day with a delicious hotel breakfast. Today, let's head to Beijing, the vibrant capital city of China. When you arrive, a friendly local tour representative will warmly welcome you and take you to your hotel. Take some time to relax and unwind, or join us for optional tours and discover the enchanting city of Beijing.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fu Yong Yu Long Hotel or similar

Day 11

Beijing

Immerse yourself in the cultural heart of Beijing. Begin your journey at Tiananmen Square, one of the world's largest public squares, teeming with history and significance. From there, proceed to the Forbidden City, an imperial palace complex of grandeur and majesty that served as the home of emperors for over 500 years. Walk through the ancient halls and marvel at the intricate architecture that whispers tales of a rich, bygone era. Cap off your tour with a visit to the vibrant Panjiayuan Flea Market. Here, you can browse through an endless array of antiques, handicrafts, and art pieces, each with its own unique history and story to tell. Whether you're a culture enthusiast or a souvenir hunter, Panjiayuan promises an unforgettable experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fu Yong Yu Long Hotel or similar

Day 12

Beijing

Today is a fantastic opportunity to explore Beijing at your own pace and truly immerse yourself in its wonders. Additionally, we offer handpicked optional tours that will enhance your experience and leave you with unforgettable memories. Join us and make the most of your time in Beijing!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fu Yong Yu Long Hotel or similar

Day 13

Beijing ✈ Australia

As your memorable journey in Beijing nears its conclusion, a dedicated tour representative will assist you with your departure and bid you a fond farewell. We sincerely hope you had an exceptional time exploring this ancient city, and we eagerly await the opportunity to welcome you back for another unforgettable adventure!

Meals: Inflight Menu

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return International Economy Class Airfares from Australia to China (Please note some cities carry a flight surcharge)
- 12 nights' accommodation in quality hotels
- All breakfasts, 6 lunches with local specialties
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicle
- Sightseeing entrance fees as specified
- Experienced English-speaking local guide(s) throughout the tour

Optional Activities:

- Day 2- The Tranquil Nianhua Bay Zen Town Tour \$200CNY pp
- Day 4 - Suzhou Boat Tour on Qili Shantang Street \$200 CNY pp
- Day 5 - Most Memorable is Hangzhou Performance \$500CNY pp
- Day 6 - The Bund and Huangpu River Cruise Tour \$200CNY pp
- Day 7 - Muslim Street & Grand Tang Everbright City Tour \$280CNY pp
- Day 9 - Xian Cultural Guided Tour \$380CNY pp
- Day 10 - Old Town Hutong Tour \$280CNY pp
- Day 12 - Great Wall & Olympic Venues Tour \$380CNY pp

Exclusions

- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Tips & Gratuities (mandatory \$12 AUD per person per day)
- Personal expenses like beverages, laundry, and phone calls
- Optional tours and activities
- Visa fees (Please note you will need to attend an Embassy to apply for your Visa)

Group Size: The typical group size on this program is between 16 to 40 guests.

Single Supplement: Solo supplement is \$900 for this program.

Child policy: Children are welcome on this tour, however, no child discount will apply. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

About Gratuities/Tipping: Please note that gratuities to compensate your tour guide and driver for their exceptional services will be collected before the tour begins. It is recommended with a tipping amount of \$12 AUD per person per day.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

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