

Beautiful China 11 Days with Flights

~~\$1,599.00~~ **\$777.00**

Beijing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai

Savour the beauty of China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries, and modern architecture. Walk along the Great Wall and unfold the mystery of the Forbidden City in China's capital Beijing, discover the exquisite southeastern cities Wuxi, Suzhou, and Hangzhou – long known for their natural beauty, and immerse yourself in dynamic, cosmopolitan Shanghai.

Special offer – save over 50% on this tour and up to 20% on tour extensions, stopover packages and optionals!

Tour Highlights:

- Walk on the incredible **Great Wall**
- Race across China on a **bullet train from Beijing to Shanghai**
- Uncover the mystery of the **Forbidden City**
- Sit by the tranquil **West Lake in Hangzhou**
- Stroll in one of the finest **Chinese gardens in Suzhou**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis **Shanghai**

In stock

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Departure Dates

2019			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
26 Feb*	28 May	27 Aug	<p>fr \$1,599</p> <p>\$777</p> <p>Book by 31 May</p>	\$500
05 Mar	04 Jun	03 Sep		
12 Mar	11 Jun	10 Sep		
19 Mar	18 Jun	17 Sep*		
26 Mar	25 Jun	24 Sep*		
02 Apr	02 Jul*	01 Oct*		
09 Apr*	09 Jul*	08 Oct*		
16 Apr*	16 Jul*	15 Oct		
23 Apr*	23 Jul*	22 Oct		
30 Apr*	30 Jul	29 Oct		
07 May	06 Aug	05 Nov		
14 May	13 Aug	12 Nov		
21 May	20 Aug	19 Nov		
* = Peak Season Surcharge: \$300pp				

Package Inclusions:

- Airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges from Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane with a full service Chinese carrier (eg.

China Southern/Eastern Airlines, Air China, China/Hainan/Sichuan/Xiamen Airlines)

- 9 nights 3-4 star hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- High-speed bullet train
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Air conditioned coach transportation
- All sightseeing and entrance fees (except optionals)
- English speaking tour guide(s)

Package Exclusions:

- Tipping: \$100
- China visa
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses

Price Guide:

- Airline upgrade: Qantas/Cathay/Singapore Airlines from \$500pp plus applicable fare difference
 - **Special airline upgrade offer: \$300pp**
- Interstate surcharge: Adelaide/Perth \$300pp (flights may be via Sydney)
- Early arrival/stay behind surcharge: From \$250pp plus applicable fare difference
- Pre/post tour accommodation w/breakfast: \$150/twin room/night (+private transfers \$120/vehicle for 3/way)
- Child price: Same as adult

(~) International long haul sectors only.

Several shopping stops are included as cultural learning experiences with no obligation to purchase local specialty products.

All prices are per person twin-share unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Flights are not available until approximately two weeks before departure and may involve up to two transits per leg. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

Tour Extensions

Yangtze River Cruise 4/5 Days from ~~\$950~~ \$790pp

Special offer – save almost 20% on this cruise extension!

Yichang, Xiling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam Site, Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge, Shibaozhai Pagoda, Chongqing

A Yangtze River cruise is the thrill of a lifetime. You will enjoy the stunning picturesque scenery and amazing natural beauty of the famed Three Gorges: Qutang, Wu, and Xiling, while exploring historical relics and ancient cultural sites along the mighty river.

For details, tap the image above or click here.

Xi'an 3 Day Pre-Tour Extension from \$590pp

The tour will be either self-guided or a group tour depending on the size of group.

Xi'an was the capital of China for eleven dynasties, over a period of more than 2,000 years. Now the city is famed for the 'Terracotta Army' of Qin Shi Huang – the first ruler to unify the lands that became modern China. Take in one of the wonders of the ancient world with two nights in Xi'an.

For details, tap the image above or click here

Stopovers

Hong Kong Stopover from \$389

Special offer – stay at 5-star [The Langham](#) hotel and save \$100pp off the listed price!

Once a sleepy fishing village, Hong Kong has developed into one of the premier financial powerhouses of the Far East. It is a city which boldly blends modernity with Chinese heritage and British colonial influence. A safe, well organised, fast paced shopping paradise, it also offers up some unmatched cuisine experiences.

For details, tap the image above or [click here](#).

Optional Programs

Special offer – Book ALL optional programs for a \$50pp discount!

Get to know China better with our list of in-depth excursions recommended to add another dimension to your total experience! They can be prepaid in Australia more than 30 days prior to departure at the discounted AUD prices below, or paid directly in the local currency to your tour guide upon arrival in China. Prepay for all optional programs to receive a \$15 discount off the total price. English speaking guide, admissions and round trip transfers are included in the prices.

Beijing	Peking Duck Dinner	\$40
Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$75
Beijing	Hutong Life & Panda House Tour w/Lunch	\$80
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$35
Wuxi	Jiangnan Dumpling Lunch	\$25
Suzhou	Western Buffet Dinner	\$40
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	\$80
Shanghai	ERA: The Intersection of Time	\$75
Shanghai	Jin Mao Tower, Xintiandi & Maglev Train Tour:	\$70
Shanghai	Huangpu River Night Cruise	\$40

Hotel Accommodation

Beijing	Chunhuiyuan Hot Springs Hotel or similar
Wuxi	Swiss-Belhotel Liyuan or similar
Suzhou	Holiday Inn Suzhou Taihu Lake or similar
Hangzhou	Hangzhou Merchant Marco Edgelake Hotel or similar
Shanghai	Wassim Hotel Zhoupu or similar

Day 1: Australia ✈ Beijing

Fly to **Beijing** via connecting cities and transfer to the hotel. Note: Some flights may depart the night before. Beijing, China's massive capital, has a history stretching back three millennia, and since the 2008 Olympic Games, it has been known for its modern architecture as well as grand ancient sites such as the Forbidden City complex, the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties.

Day 2: Beijing (B)

After breakfast, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second-largest public square in the world! Tiananmen Square is named after the Tiananmen (Gate of Heavenly Peace) located to the north of the square, separating it from the Forbidden City. The square contains the **Monument to the People's Heroes** and has great cultural significance, as it was the site of several important events in Chinese history.

Next, continue on to the incredible **Forbidden City**, which was the imperial palace from the Ming to the Qing dynasty (1420 to 1912). The complex consists of 980 buildings and covers 72 ha (over 180 acres). The Forbidden City was declared a World Heritage Site in 1987 and is listed by UNESCO as the largest collection of preserved ancient wooden structures in the world!

Optional Program: Peking Duck Dinner – Tonight, head out for a Beijing speciality which is one of the most famous Chinese dishes, Peking Duck.

Day 3: Beijing (B)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall of China at Juyong Pass**. This is one of the three most famous passes along the Wall, together with Jiayuguan and Shanhaiguan. Just 60 km from downtown Beijing, Juyong Pass was the northern route to Beijing in ancient times. Once here, there is plenty of time to learn about the wall's construction and you'll have the chance to climb a portion of this 6,000 km marvel.

On the way back to Beijing, we stop at one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia. Then, after lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a cloisonne factory. Cloisonne is a famous traditional enamel ware, known as the 'Blue of Jingtai' in China, with a history of over 500 years. It was so called because blue was the colour typically used for enamelling, and Jingtai was the reign title of the 7th Ming Emperor.

Optional Program: The Golden Mask Dynasty – This phenomenal show incorporates dancing, acrobatics, magnificent costumes and lot of surprises. Seen by an estimated 1.1 million people, it is one of Beijing's must-see shows.

Day 4: Beijing (B)

Enjoy a tour to the **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors followed by a visit to a **Chinese herbal medicine institute** to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years, as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage.

Optional Program: Hutong Life & Panda House Tour w/Lunch – A rickshaw will take you around the intricate winding hutongs to admire these old courtyard dwellings, built during the Mongol Yuan Dynasty. Even today, when many have been developed into upscale restaurants, tea houses, and boutiques, many residents are reluctant to move from their beloved hutongs. On this tour, you are invited to visit a local family's house to experience authentic 'old Beijing' life. Next, visit the Panda House in Beijing Zoo to see China's adorable national treasure – the Giant Panda.

Day 5: Beijing – Wuxi (B)

Take a high speed train to **Wuxi**, an ancient city, richly endowed with natural attractions due to its pleasantly warm

and moist climate. Wuxi boasts a reputation of being the 'Land of Fish and Rice'. Enjoy the scenery as we pass by **Lake Tai**, the third-largest freshwater lake in China. This evening, we will stroll along the trendy yet traditional Nanchang Street, composed of both ancient and modern architecture, and juxtaposed with the peaceful atmosphere of the waterside town and fashionable life of Wuxi.

Optional Program: Jiangnan Dumpling Lunch – Enjoy a traditional lunch that includes the famous Xiao Long Bao, a Chinese steamed bun filled with minced pork and tasty soup, prepared in a small bamboo steaming basket.

Day 6: Wuxi 🚗 Suzhou (B)

This morning visit one of the largest freshwater pearl exhibitions in the country. After lunch, travel by coach to **Suzhou**, an extraordinarily elegant city with its canals, stone bridges, and meticulously designed gardens. Suzhou has been referred to as 'Paradise on Earth' by Chinese poets and writers since ancient times. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is also known as 'Venice of the East'. It is also known as the 'Garden City' due to its many classical gardens, renowned for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. Visit the Linger Garden, which is among the finest in China.

Optional Program: Grand Canal Cruise – Take a cruise along the UNESCO World Heritage listed Grand Canal of over a thousand years to view life along what was known as 'China's golden waterway' in its heyday.

Optional Program: Western Buffet Dinner – Enjoy a sumptuous western style buffet dinner with at your hotel, a relaxing way to wind down the day.

Day 7: Suzhou 🚗 Hangzhou (B)

This morning visit a **silk spinning mill**, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. After lunch, travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as 'the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world'. Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the serene **West Lake**, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites.

Optional Program: Impression West Lake – This evening, enjoy an open-air performance, a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony.

Day 8: Hangzhou 🚗 Shanghai (B)

Experience tea-tasting at the **Dragon Well Tea Plantation**. Then travel by coach to Shanghai, a vibrant metropolis and the commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined with colonial architecture of European design, it is the best place to capture the Western influences of the old days. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure strolling along the bustling shopping district, **Nanjing Road**.

Optional Program: Huangpu River Night Cruise – When the sun sets, the river is veiled in the glittery neon lights on its banks. Cruising on the river in the evening, visitors can experience its beauty under the moonlight.

Day 9: Shanghai (B)

This morning, visit the **Shanghai Museum** to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade. The rest of the afternoon is at your own leisure, or you may join our optional programs.

Optional Program: Jin Mao Tower, Xintiandi & Maglev Train Tour – Visit the Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck (88th floor) for a panoramic view of the Huangpu River and the Bund. Then explore the affluent Xintiandi area which holds the historical and cultural legacies of the city, before experiencing the world's fastest commercially operating train, with a top speed of 431 km/h.

Optional Program: ERA: The Intersection of Time – Tonight you can watch a stunning Chinese acrobatic show combining Chinese arts and modern technology, comparable to the tradition of the Broadway Musical.

Day 10: Shanghai ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Shanghai airport to board your overnight connecting flight via an intermediate city to Australia. The trip may be over, but the experiences and memories will certainly last a lifetime.

Day 11: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

Optional Pre-Tour Extension Package

Xi'an Terracotta Warriors 2 Nights

From \$590

Xi'an was the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world, during the Tang dynasty, and the capital for eleven dynasties over a period of more than 2,000 years. Together with Athens, Cairo and Rome, Xi'an is among the four major civilisation capitals of the ancient world.

Highlights:

- Terracotta Army
- Ancient City Wall
- Big Wild Goose Pagoda
- Shaanxi Provincial History Museum
- Tang Dynasty Singing & Dancing Show
- Imperial Dumpling Banquet

Inclusions:

- Return economy class airfares to Xi'an
- All transfers
- Coach transportation
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, S=Special Banquet)
- 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double/triple share)
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English speaking guide

Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$30
- Personal expenditure

Price Guide:

- Single Supplement: \$120
- All airline or flight related upgrades defined in the Price Guide of the core tour incur an additional \$200
- This extension can be combined with other optional tour extensions

Accommodation:

- Kempinski Hotel 5 star local rating or similar

Day 1: Australia ✈ Xi'an

Board your international flight from Australia for a connecting flight via an intermediate city to Xi'an. Your tour guide will greet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to rest.

Day 2: Xi'an (B, L, S)

The highlight today is a visit to the **Terracotta Army** to see the life-sized defending army of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. This will be followed by a visit to a ceramic art factory. In the evening, enjoy a special **Imperial Dumpling Banquet** and **traditional Tang Dynasty Singing & Dancing Show**.

Day 3: Xi'an ✈ Beijing (B, L)

After breakfast, visit the **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum**. Enjoy a **special noodle lunch** including an interesting noodle making demonstration. Then visit the **Great Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city. Later, walk along the **Ancient City Wall**, which is not only the most complete city wall to survive in China, but also one of the largest ancient military defence systems in the world. Fly to Beijing in the evening to commence your China Sampler 10 Day Tour.

Optional Post-Tour Extension Package

Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 5 Days 4 Nights

From ~~\$950~~ \$799

After walking along the Great Wall in Beijing, strolling through classic gardens in Suzhou, Hangzhou, and Wuxi, and immersing yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai, relax as you cruise along the majestic Yangtze River and discover the dramatic gorges, mountain villages and breathtaking scenery. A Yangtze River cruise is the thrill of a life time. You will enjoy the stunning picturesque scenery and the amazing natural beauty of the famed Three Gorges: Qutang, Wu and Xiling, while exploring the historical relics and ancient cultural sites along the mighty river.

Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes including the spectacle of Fengdu Ghost City, a peculiar site that contains statues of demons and ghosts that roam the afterworld; the fun of drifting through Shennong Stream, which offers clear running waters, picturesque rock formations, and monkeys and goats along its banks; and the wonder of the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest dam.

A Yangtze River cruise is a visual delight, full of pleasant surprises and many treasures waiting to be discovered. The images will stay with you long after you have returned home.

Ship: Luxury 5 Star – President 7, Yangtze 2, Victoria Jenna, or similar

The luxurious President 7 is a newly-constructed ship of modern design and construction technique. It first sailed on the Yangtze River in April of 2013. With a length of 146.8m and width of 20.2m, the ship possesses 215 deluxe cabins, 13 executive cabins and 2 presidential cabins, which all together can accommodate up to 580 passengers. There are about 200 staff on board offering superior and comprehensive service to guests whenever needed. Besides the high-quality service, the ship is also equipped with advanced facilities like satellite television, satellite phone and air-conditioning. You will be impressed by the considerate design of providing a large swimming pool, deluxe cinema, golf driving range, children's park and barrier-free facilities, which make this quite different from traditional cruise ships.

Inclusions:

- 4 nights standard cabin with private balcony (twin share)
- 3 shore excursions (subject to change and favourable weather conditions)
- Economy class domestic flights (operated by a local carrier)
- All transfers
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- English speaking guide (on board)

Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$50
- Optional shore excursions (payable on board)
- Personal expenditure

Price Guide:

- Single Supplement: \$750
- Rooms are twin occupancy only, double and triple share are not available on the cruise
- Cruise ship used is dependent on availability and is subject to change
- This extension can be combined with other optional tour extensions

Day 15: Shanghai ✈️ Yichang 🚢 Yangtze River Cruise (D)

This morning fly to the port city of Yichang, the starting point of our **Yangtze River Cruise** for the next four nights. After dinner, we board the cruise and receive an introduction on cruise events and onboard activities.

Arr/Dept	Events
19:00-20:00	Board the ship at Yichang Dock
24:00	Departs Yichang

Day 16: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Today, your cruise enters the Xiling Gorge. Named for Mount Xiling, this is the longest of the Three Gorges. In fact, Xiling Gorge comprises four smaller gorges with rather poetic names; Precious Sword, Horse Lung & Ox Liver, Soundless Bell, and Shadow Play.

Arr/Dept	Events
08:00	Briefing on the cruise
08:00-09:00	Passing the Xiling Gorge (East Part)
09:00-11:00	Shore excursion: Three Gorges Dam Site
11:00-13:00	Shore excursion: Visit tribe of Three Gorges (optional)
13:30-15:30	Passing the Three Gorges Dam
16:00	Sail through 5-stage shiplock
18:00	Captain's Welcome Dinner
20:00	Evening entertainment

Day 17: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
06:30	Breakfast
08:00-12:00	Shore excursion: Shennong Stream
13:30-17:00	Sail through Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge
17:30	Shore excursion: White Emperor City (optional, river conditions permitting)

Day 18: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
07:00	Breakfast
08:30-10:30	Shore excursion: Shibaozhai Pagoda
10:30-12:30	Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost City (optional)

Arr/Dept	Events
14:00-16:00	Lectures
18:00	Farewell Dinner

Day 19: Chongqing ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing at 9am. Transfer to the airport for a connecting flight via an intermediate city to Australia.

Day 15: Australia

Arrive in Australia.