

China Golden Triangle 10 Days

\$1,699.00

Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai

Tour Highlights:

- Walk on the incredible **Great Wall**
- Uncover the mystery of the **Forbidden City**
- Stroll in the exquisite **Summer Palace**
- Gaze in awe at the marvellous **Terracotta Army**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis **Shanghai**

Visiting China has never been this affordable and easy. With the Nexus Holidays China Golden Triangle 10 Day program, you will discover this destination from a new perspective. China is not only renowned throughout time and history, but its natural beauty, stunning architecture and arguably unrivalled culture have inspired the entire world. On this unforgettable China Golden Triangle tour you'll begin in Beijing, home to the Great Wall, before sweeping across the country to Xi'an, site of the marvellous Terracotta Warriors, before heading back east to Shanghai, the iconic city of glittering modern beauty.

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Departure Dates

2018			Price Per Person	Single Supplement
14 Jun*	16 Aug	11 Oct*	fr \$1,699 Valued at \$1,999	\$650
21 Jun*	23 Aug*	18 Oct		
19 Jul*	30 Aug	25 Oct		
02 Aug	06 Sep**	01 Nov		
09 Aug	27 Sep*	08 Nov		
* = Peak Season Surcharge: \$300 ** = School Holidays Surcharge: \$400				

Package Inclusions:

- Economy class international airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges departing Sydney or Melbourne flying a full-service Chinese carrier eg. China Southern/Eastern Airlines (subject to availability)
- 8 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double/triple share)
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, S=Special Banquet)
- Internal flights (operated by a local carrier)
- Round trip airport and hotel transfers
- Coach transportation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English speaking tour guide(s)

Package Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$90
- China visa application fees
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Optional recommended excursions
- Optional tour extensions
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

Price Guide:

- **Seasonal Surcharges:** * = Peak Season Surcharge: \$300, ** = School Holidays Surcharge: \$400
- **Child Price:** Same as adult
- **Interstate Surcharge:** Brisbane/Adelaide \$300, Perth \$600 (interstate flights may be via Sydney or Melbourne)
- **Early Arrival/Stay Behind/Stopover Surcharge:** From \$250 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- **Pre/Post Tour Accommodation (including breakfast):** From \$150/twin room/night
- **Airline Upgrade (economy class)-:** Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines from \$700 (subject to availability and applicable fare difference. Tip: upgrade to avoid paying the interstate & early arrival/stay behind surcharge)
- **Premium Economy Upgrade-:** Cathay Pacific from \$2400 (subject to availability)
- **Business Class Upgrade-:** China Eastern or China Southern Airlines from \$2500, Cathay Pacific or Singapore Airlines from \$4100 (subject to

availability)

- **Please Note:** Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 3 weeks before departure and involve transits
- **Land Only:** Excludes international flights, includes internal China domestic flights

(~) International long haul sectors only.

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Please check all information before booking. By booking, you accept all **Booking Conditions**.

Tour Extensions

Yangtze River Cruise Tour Extension 4/5 Days from \$950

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.

Optional Programs

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	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$75
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	\$70
Beijing	Chinese Kung-Fu Show	\$75
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$55
Shanghai	ERA: The Intersection of Time	\$75
Suzhou	Grand Canal Cruise	\$35
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	\$80

Hotel Accommodation

Beijing	Wyndham Beijing North or similar	★★★★★ local rating
Xi'an	Titan Times Hotel or similar	★★★★★ local rating
Shanghai	Wyndham Bund East Hotel or similar	★★★★★ local rating
Suzhou	Pan Pacific Hotel or similar	★★★★★ local rating
Hangzhou	White Horse Lake Hotel or similar	★★★★★ local rating

Day 1: Australia ✈ Beijing

Fly to Beijing, the capital city of China, via a connecting city. Upon arrival, the capital city of China, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Please note: Some flights may depart the night before.

Day 2: Beijing (B, L, S)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, and the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Continue on to the **Temple of Heaven**, one of the best examples of Ming Dynasty architecture and also an ornate sanctuary where Chinese emperors offered sacrifices to heaven and prayed for a good harvest. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, **Peking Roast Duck**.

Day 3: Beijing (B, L, D)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall** at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a Cloisonné Factory, and visit the **Changling Exhibition Hall of the Ming Tombs**, where thirteen of the sixteen Ming dynasty emperors are buried. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, **The Golden Mask Dynasty** (at your own expense).

Day 4: Beijing (B, L)

Tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China, and a former summer resort for Emperors. Then, visit a Chinese Herbal Institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years. This afternoon, join a **Hutong Life Tour** (at your own expense), a special journey which explores Beijing's ancient alleyways or 'hutongs' by pedicab followed by a stroll in **Wangfujing**, one of the Chinese capital's most famous shopping streets. After dinner, cap off the day by attending a superb and thrilling **Chinese Kung-Fu Show** (at your own expense).

Day 5: Beijing ✈ Xi'an (B, L, S)

This morning fly to Xi'an, 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. Today's highlight is a visit to the **Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum**, one of the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th Century, to see the life-sized defending army of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. Later, visit a ceramic art factory, followed by a special **Dumpling Banquet**, to be enjoyed with a performance of music and dance from the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.).

Day 6: Xi'an (B, L, D)

Visit the fascinating **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**. Enjoy lunch, featuring a special noodle making demonstration before a visit to the **Ancient City Wall**, the most complete ancient city wall surviving in China. Later, visit the **Great Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city.

Day 7: Xi'an ✈ Shanghai (B, L, D)

Fly to **Shanghai** – the modern metropolis and commercial centre of China. This morning we visit a **silk spinning mill** and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. Then we walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the **Huangpu River**. Lined by the colonial architecture of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. Continue to the **Old Town** which is a perfect combination of gardens, temples, old architecture, local culture, souvenir businesses and food. Afterwards, you may join an optional **Huangpu River Cruise** (at your own expense).

Day 8: Shanghai (B, L, D)

This morning visit **Shanghai Museum** to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade. Then we explore the **Xintiandi Area**, an affluent and fashionable pedestrian street composed of unique shikumen (stone gate) and modern architectural styles. Our farewell dinner this evening will be a banquet of delicious Shanghai cuisine. You can cap of the celebrations by attending a thrilling optional Chinese acrobatic show – **ERA: The Intersection of Time** (at your own expense).

Day 9: Shanghai ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Shanghai airport to board your homebound flight via a connecting city.

Day 10: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

Optional Post-Tour Extension Package

Suzhou and Hangzhou 3 Days 2 Nights

From \$399

A post-tour extension is available to the surrounding water towns and garden cities of Suzhou and Hangzhou for 3 days and 2 nights.

Inclusions:

- 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin/double/triple share)
- Coach transportation
- All transfers
- Daily meals as indicated (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- English speaking guide

Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$20
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

Price Guide:

- Single Supplement: \$150
- This extension can be combined with other optional tour extensions

Accommodation:

- Suzhou: Pan Pacific Hotel 5 star local rating or similar
- Hangzhou: White Horse Lake Hotel 5 star local rating or similar

Day 9: Shanghai 🚌 Suzhou (B, L, D)

Travel by bus to Suzhou, an extraordinarily elegant city which has often been praised as 'Paradise on Earth' by poets and writers since ancient times. Visit the **Shanghai Zoo** on the way, to see one of China's national treasures – the giant pandas. Upon arrival, take an optional cruise (at your own expense) on the **Grand Canal** to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday. Suzhou is also known as the 'Garden City', due to its many classical gardens known for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction, a prime example being the **Lingering Garden**, one of the four greatest Chinese gardens and a UNESCO world heritage site.

Day 10: Suzhou 🚌 Hangzhou (B, L, D)

Travel by bus to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as 'the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world'. Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the magnificent **West Lake**, undoubtedly the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for its scenic beauty that blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. Later, experience tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. After dinner, enjoy an optional open-air performance **Impression West Lake**, a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony (at your own expense).

Day 11: Hangzhou ✈ Australia (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for a homebound flight via an intermediate city.

Day 12: Australia

Arrive home this morning.

Optional Post-Tour Extension Package

Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 5 Days 4 Nights

From \$950

After walking along the Great Wall in Beijing, strolling through classic gardens in Suzhou, and immersing yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai, change pace and relax as you cruise along the majestic Yangtze River. Discover the dramatic gorges, mountain villages and breathtaking scenery. 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 the historic 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 after-world; 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.

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 – China Goddess 2 or similar

Launched in 2014, China Goddess 2 was designed specifically with the Yangtze River and her famous Three Gorges in mind.

China Goddess 2 is both a luxury river cruiser and a floating cultural centre, and was built to the China National Tourism Bureau's '5-Star Deluxe' standard. Chinese calligraphy classes are available along with musical performances and a gym and 30m indoor pool. You might even try your hand at a game of mah-jong!

With Standard Twin cabins at 25m², you may find this more spacious than many river cruise ships in Europe! All cabins include private balconies and bathrooms, and are air conditioned.

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) or high speed train transportation
- All transfers
- Daily meals as indicated (B, L, D)
- English speaking guide service (on board)

Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in Australia: \$50
- Optional shore excursions (payable on board)
- Personal expenditure and anything not stated

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 9 or 11: Arrive Yichang Board Yangtze River Cruise (D)

Arrive in 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
18:30-21:00	Board the ship at Yichang Dock
21:00	Cruise Introduction

Day 10 or 12: Commence 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. You will also visit the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest, and then pass the dam via 5-stage shiplock or ship lift to continue down the Yangtze.

Arr/Dept	Events
06:30	Depart Yichang
08:30-10:45	Shore excursion: Visit Ba and Tujia ethnic minorities of the Three Gorges. Experience a charming reenactment of traditional life ways in a peaceful hillside village setting (optional)
11:00	Set sail, passing through the Xiling Gorge
14:00-16:30	Shore excursion: Three Gorges Dam
16:30-21:00	Sail through the 5-stage shiplock or take the ship lift.
18:20-19:00	Captain's Welcome Dinner

Day 11 or 13: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
07:30	Set sail, passing through the Wu Gorge
08:30-12:30	Shore excursion: Lesser Three Gorges (by boat)
14:00	Set sail, passing through the Qutang Gorge
15:00-17:30	Shore excursion: White Emperor City (optional, river conditions permitting)
20:30	Entertainment show

Day 12 or 14: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
07:00	Breakfast
08:30-10:30	Shore excursion: Shibaozhai Pagoda
14:00-16:30	Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost City (optional)
21:00	Entertainment show

Day 13 or 15: Chongqing ✈ Australia (B)

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

Day 14 or 16: Australia

Arrive in Australia.