

# CHINA

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE

BEIJING > XI'AN > SHANGHAI



10 DAYS FROM

**\$1,999**

per person twin-share



Visiting China has never been this affordable and easy. With 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.

Image: Terracotta Army in Xi'an

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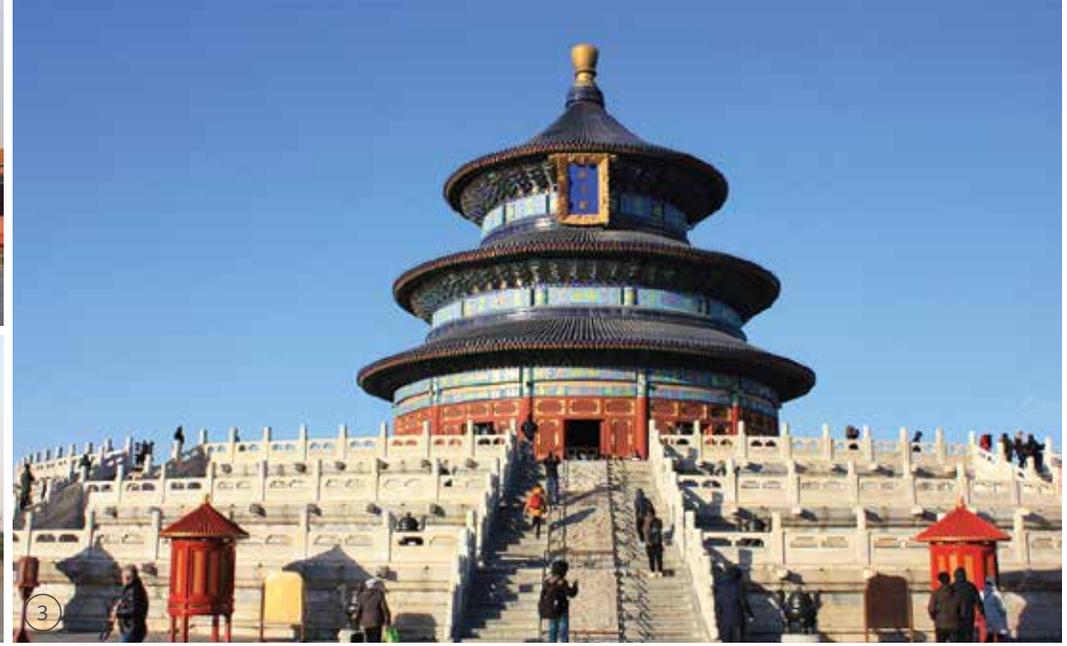
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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- 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**

**Day 1: Arrive in Beijing**

Fly to Beijing, the capital city of China, via a connecting city. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. Note: Some flights may depart the night before.

**Day 2: Beijing (B, L, D)**

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. You will also 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)**

Today, 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, D)**

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 Army & 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.



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Images: 1. Tiananmen Square, 2. Ancient City Wall, 3. Temple of Heaven, 4. Local Street snack in Wangfujing, 5. Wild Goose Pagoda, 6. West Lake, 7. Huangpu River, 8. Giant Panda, 9. Old Town of Shanghai

**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 of Shanghai** which is a perfect combination of gardens, temples, old architecture, local culture, souvenir businesses and food. In the evening, you may join an optional **Huangpu River Night 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: Depart Shanghai (B)**

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

**Day 10: Arrive Home**



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## 2018 DEPARTURES

01 Mar <sup>^*</sup>	10 May	19 Jul <sup>*</sup>	27 Sep <sup>*</sup>
08 Mar	17 May	26 Jul	04 Oct <sup>*</sup>
15 Mar	24 May	02 Aug	11 Oct <sup>*</sup>
22 Mar <sup>^**</sup>	31 May	09 Aug	18 Oct
29 Mar	07 Jun <sup>*</sup>	16 Aug	25 Oct
05 Apr <sup>*</sup>	14 Jun <sup>*</sup>	23 Aug <sup>*</sup>	01 Nov
12 Apr <sup>**</sup>	21 Jun <sup>*</sup>	30 Aug	08 Nov
19 Apr <sup>*</sup>	28 Jun <sup>**</sup>	06 Sep <sup>**</sup>	
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03 May	12 Jul <sup>*</sup>	20 Sep <sup>*</sup>	

\*Peak season surcharge: \$300

\*\*School holiday surcharge: \$400

<sup>^</sup>Yangtze River cruise extension is not available  
Single supplement: \$650

## ✈ DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- Other cities: fr \$300

## ⊕ INCLUSIONS

- + Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes (eg. China Southern/Eastern Airlines)
- + 8 nights hotel accommodation (twin-share)
- + 9 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) & 6 dinners (D)
- + Internal flights (operated by a local carrier)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English speaking tour guide(s)

## ⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- Prepaid tipping: \$90
- China visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

## ✈ AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Cathay Pacific/Singapore Airlines fr \$700
- Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2400
- Business class: China Eastern/Southern fr \$2500, Cathay Pacific/Singapore Airlines fr \$4100

## 🕒 EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr \$250
- Hotel w/breakfast: \$75 twin-share, \$150 single

## 🏨 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (local rating)

Beijing	Wyndham Beijing North or similar	5★
Xi'an	Titan Times Hotel or similar	5★
Shanghai	Wyndham Bund East or similar	5★
Suzhou	Pan Pacific Hotel or similar	5★
Hangzhou	White Horse Lake Hotel	5★

## 🎈 OPTIONAL PROGRAMS

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

## 📍 SUZHOU & HANGZHOU EXTENSION

fr \$399; single supplement \$150; includes  
+ Economy class flights  
+ 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin-share)  
+ 3 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 2 dinner (D)  
+ Coach transportation & transfers  
+ Entrance fees to scenic attractions  
+ English speaking tour guide  
Excludes prepaid tipping: \$20

### Day 9: Shanghai 🚗 Suzhou (B, L, D)

Travel by coach 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 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 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: Depart Hangzhou (B)

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

### Day 12: Arrive Home



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After walking along the Great Wall in Beijing, uncovering the mysteries of the Terracotta Army, 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 landscape 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.

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.

Launched in 2014, **CHINA GODDESS 2** was designed specifically with the Yangtze River and her famous Three Gorges in mind.

China Goddess 2 is a combined luxury river cruiser and 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 25m<sup>2</sup>, you may find this more spacious than many river cruise ships in Europe! All cabins include private balconies and bathrooms, and are air conditioned.



Pamper yourself by upgrading to an executive package onboard your Yangtze River cruise extension. Contact Nexus Holidays for details.

 YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

### YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE EXTENSION

fr\$950; single supplement \$750; includes

+ Economy class flights

+ 4 nights standard Cabin with private balcony (twin-share)

+ 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)

+ All transfers

+ 3 shore excursions (subject to change & favourable weather conditions)

Excludes prepaid tipping: \$50 & optional shore excursions

**Note:** Cruise ship is subject to change. China Goddess 2, President 7, Yangtze 2, Victoria Jenna, or similar. Triple share is not available. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard. Cruise itinerary including all arrival, departure times & shore excursions are subject to change.

Images: 10. Yangtze River  
11. Shennong Stream  
12. China Goddess 2

#### **Day 9 or 11: Shanghai** **Yichang** **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: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)**

##### **Arr/Dept**   **Events**

06:30 Depart from Yichang

08:30-10:40 Shore excursion to Three Gorges Tribe (optional)

11:00 Set sail, passing through the Xiling Gorge

14:00-16:30 Shore excursion to the Three Gorges Dam

16:30-21:00 Set sail, passing through the Three Gorge Ship Locks

18:20-19:00 Captain's welcoming party

#### **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 to the Lesser Three Gorges by boat

14:00 Set sail, passing through the Qutang Gorge

15:00-17:30 Shore excursion to White Emperor City (optional)

20:30 Entertainment show

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

##### **Arr/Dept**   **Events**

08:30-10:30 Shore excursions to the Shibaozhai Pagoda

16:00-18:30 Shore Excursion to Ghost City of Fengdu (optional)

21:00 Entertainment show

#### **Day 13 or 15: Depart Chongqing (B)**

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

#### **Day 14 or 16: Arrive Home**