

# China & Japan 2020

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## Classic Journeys

The must-visit destinations  
by rail or luxury coach.

## Small Group Journeys

Veer off the beaten path with  
no more than 20 guests.

## Small Ship

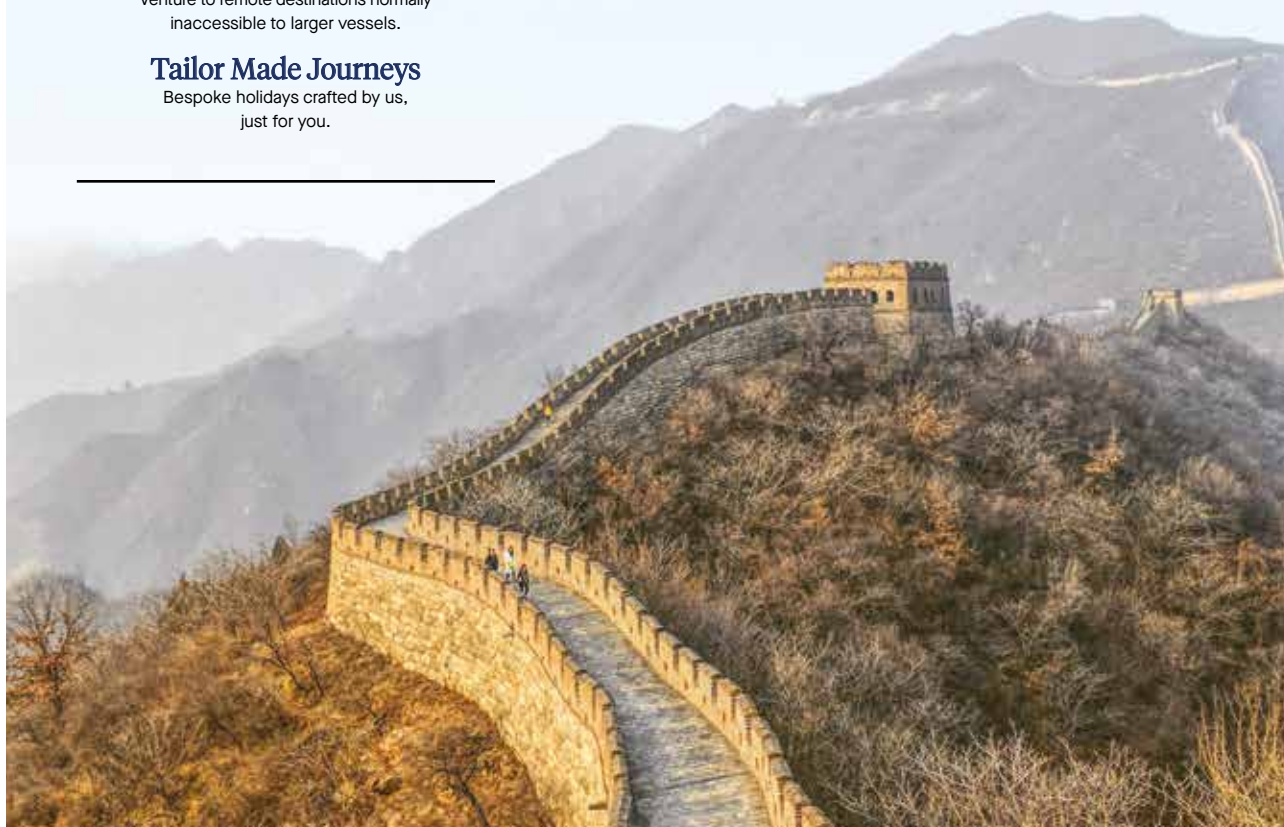
### Expedition Cruising

Venture to remote destinations normally  
inaccessible to larger vessels.

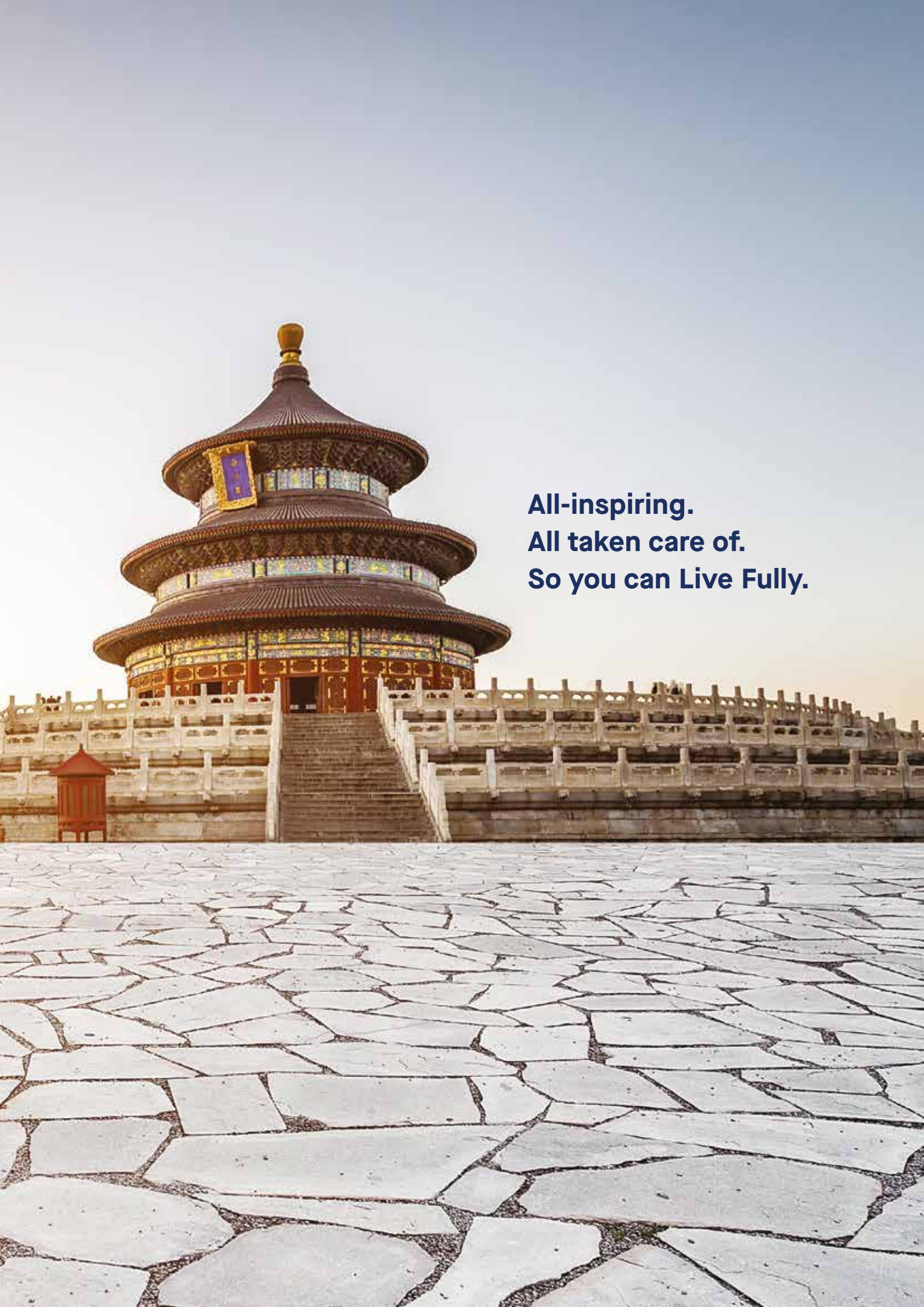
## Tailor Made Journeys

Bespoke holidays crafted by us,  
just for you.

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**All-inspiring.  
All taken care of.  
So you can Live Fully.**



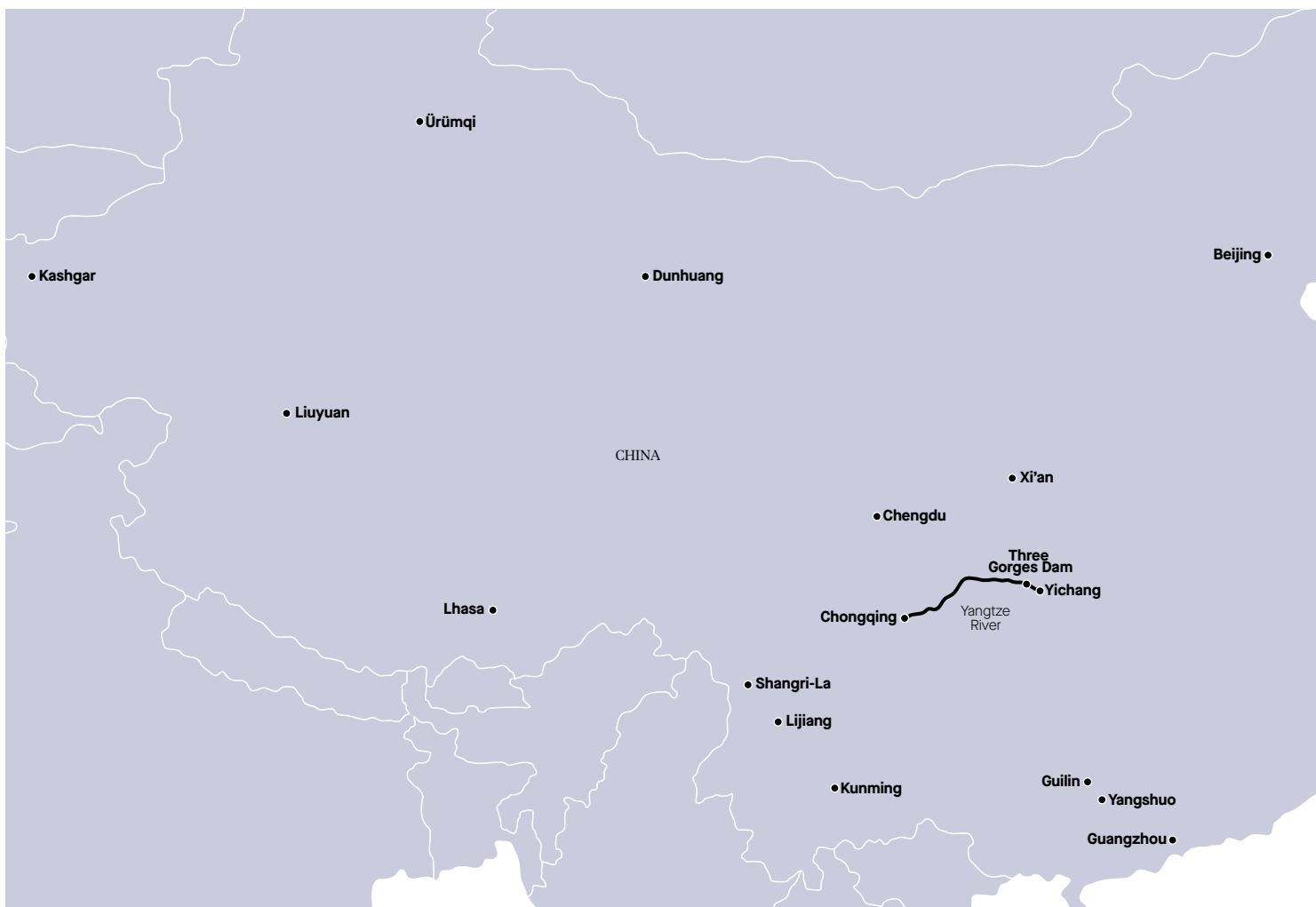
A pursuit of curiosity. A world within a world. A timeless land steeped in mystery. In the smile of a geisha. The flutter of prayer flags. Strolling. Dancing. Exploring ancient temples. Neon cities. A future that's now. Remembering what it's like to be in awe. Of mountains bruised by a sunset. Cherry blossom groves. Rivers. Deserts. Forests. A taste of the unfamiliar. Melt-in-your-mouth Peking duck. Steam rising off dumplings. Ceremonial tea. Tradition. Evocative culture. So unlike your own it sways your soul. Being adventurous. Being open minded. Being entranced. Knowing the little things have been looked after so you can Live Fully in each and every unforgettable moment.

Extraordinary moments in travel.

Made possible every day with APT.

# Welcome to China & Japan

Feel humbled. By the sheer scale of landscapes, from stone forests to snowcapped mountains. By ancient cultures of geishas and dynasties, stretching back further than the mind can comprehend. It's a sense of insignificance which



steals your breath and makes you smile. On a trip to China and Japan with APT, chase this feeling. All you need to do is simply select your destination and then head to the Trip Finder – you're on your way.









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# Travel Styles

We understand that one type of holiday does not fit all. So we've created a range of travel styles. A selection of ways you can explore the world. Some cover the must-see sights. Some go more in-depth. And sometimes we mix two styles into the one journey. We often offer multiple travel styles in the one destination, ensuring your experience is perfectly aligned with why you want to go, your interests, and your fitness level.

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## Classic Journeys

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By rail or road, these journeys visit the must-see sights and some lesser-known gems in several countries. Limited to 30 guests, luxury accommodation awaits in central locations, as does quality dining. And of course, the perfect amount of leisure time is a given.

# Travel Styles

## overview

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### Small Group Journeys

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Joining just 19 other guests, part way with the well-worn trail and stay a little longer in specific places to uncover their true character. Think authentic boutique accommodation. Think after-hours exploration. These trips attract the most curious, and similarly interested, of traveller.

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### Small Ship Expedition Cruising

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For the adventurous. For the explorer. Cruise to unique and remote ports and normally inaccessible destinations that can't be reached by larger cruise vessels. At all times, a friendly expedition team will be on hand to ensure your safety, comfort and enjoyment.

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### Tailor Made Journeys

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If our brochure dates don't fit with your holiday plans, or you're after your own private adventure, then this could be the journey for you. With trips that have been especially crafted for you, based on your interests, preferred modes of travel, and must-visit destinations, taking your dream holiday is as easy as one, two, three.

# Classic Journeys / 01

These are the journeys you will be bragging about to your friends for years to come. From dramatic gorges to neon cityscapes, our Classic Journeys are all about exploring Asia's iconic landscapes, along with a few hidden gems. Follow the winding path of the Yangtze River aboard a river ship. Or spread out in your spacious coach. With a tour director close by and English-speaking locals to show you around, there's no doubt you're in expert hands.

## **It's The Places You Visit**

Lunch at the Great Wall of China. Practicing Tai Chi on board as you cruise the Yangtze River. Strolling through Kyoto's Higashiyama district, hoping to spot a geisha. On these journeys, you'll visit the must-see places and enjoy the must-do experiences.

## **It's The Journey Itself**

With so many exciting places scattered across the region, over a vast number of landscapes, we'd hate for you to miss out on anything you'd like to see. Which is why on our

Classic Journeys we provide comfortable travel by luxury coach, train and ship. This way, it's not just about arriving at your destination, but relishing the in between moments that make up the journey.

## **It's Where You Lay Your Head**

We've already scoped out the views, and tried and tested the pillow menus to ensure that each hand-picked hotel, ship and resort is exceptional. And central locations ensure that you're able to explore on your own during leisure time, while visiting the must-see sights is easy.



**Above** Shanghai, China

# Small Group Journeys / 02

Encounter unique and authentic experiences as you venture away from the regular tourist trail to discover a different side to Asia. Unrushed, in-depth and engaging, your explorations each day present a new opportunity to uncover hidden gems that most people would miss. We have even organised special after-hours or behind-the-scenes access in a few places. So spread out in your oversized coach and enter a world full of surprises.

## **A Journey All About You**

Limited to just 20 guests, you'll be treated as an individual with personalised commentary from your expert APT tour director. Enjoy more time to ask questions, learning more about the sights and culture of each place you visit.

## **Stay Longer, Explore More**

Longer stays in each location allow in-depth experiences. Witness monks debating at a monastery in Lhasa. Stroll through a bazaar in Kashgar. Watch an open-air cultural show in Yangshuo, where the stage is formed by the landscape.

## **Authentic & Boutique Properties**

When it comes to accommodation, travelling in a small group allows a more diverse range of options. No matter where you sleep, your hand-picked properties are chosen to reflect the true character of each destination. Some have been selected for their location and architectural or cultural significance. Others have been selected for their cuisine or exceptional level of hospitality.



**Above** Potala Palace in Lhasa, Tibet

# Small Ship Expedition Cruising / 03

We awaken the intrepid explorer within. Small ship expedition cruises are all about new discoveries. New experiences. Uncovering a part of the world otherwise unknown. As well-worn trails to must-see places deepen over time, we carve out our own path and seek out unique experiences, discovering what it feels like to be in awe of something again.

## Your Avenue to Adventure

Get close to the action with a fleet of inflatable Zodiacs that can squeeze into places larger ships can't reach. You have a better chance of spotting wildlife up close, and are able to take in your surrounds at sea level. They also provide a safe and fast way of going ashore in remote locations.

## Travel With The Experts

On these journeys an expedition leader and team are there to share their passion and insight. Made up of naturalists and historians, you will gain a greater understanding of each region through your expedition team with onboard lectures and daily sightseeing briefings.





# Tailor Made Journeys / 04

There are no two people who are the same. Tailor Made Journeys are a celebration of that, you – the individual. Design a trip around exactly what interests you, see those sights you've waited your whole life to see. Enjoy Asia on a journey that is entirely your own.

## **The Tailor Made Process**

You focus on the exciting parts of planning a holiday, the dream destinations and the unmissable sightseeing, and leave the logistics to us. Just tell us your interests and passions, and we'll come back to you with a comprehensive travel proposal as to how your journey might look. Together we'll customise it until it is everything you want in a holiday.

## **Personalised Experiences**

On these journeys you aren't limited to a set of sightseeing. You are free as a bird to choose your own experiences.

You might fancy exclusive access to Beijing's Forbidden City, while your travel partner favours a cooking class. No worries. Our local English-speaking guides are available to show you around. For the bigger picture, we'll help organise your itinerary to run smoothly from A to B.

## **Peace of Mind**

We're all about the safest possible touring in the most luxurious fashion. Rest assured that no matter where you are in the world, when you're with APT you're in good hands.





# All-Inspiring Luxury

Unlike other holidays where you spend weeks, months or even years researching and planning, at APT, we like to make things as easy as possible for you. When you travel with us, everything you need and nothing you don't is included and organised. So instead of wasting your time stressing out about every little detail, you book knowing that we've got everything covered. And when you're away, we're taking care of those tiny details. It's the sort of luxury that sets you free.

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### All-inspiring. All taken care of. Always.

We don't want you to worry about anything while on holiday. Our prices always cover everything as detailed, including airport transfers, portorage, gratuities, port charges and more, so you can rest assured knowing those details have been taken care of. Plus, all prices are guaranteed once your deposit has been paid.

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### Luxury Service

An APT tour director is always present, while local experts join you along the way. Meanwhile, our onboard team will make sure everything sails as smoothly as the ship – nothing is ever too much trouble. Sit back and relax while we take care of all the details.

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### Luxury Stays

Our stays are so much more than a place to rest your head. They are an experience. Sleek suites in the heart of the city. Traditional properties in the countryside. Onboard suites with every mod-con. We have it all on offer.

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### Luxury Dining

By land, river or sea, the dining experiences on offer will not disappoint. Chef-prepared meals on board your ship. Dumpling-making lessons. Traditional meals at local restaurants. Learning the art of making ramen. Our experiences are not only diverse, but are true to Asia.

# All-Inspiring Luxury overview

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## Luxury Fleet

More than just a ship, we invite you aboard our floating boutique hotels. Whether floating down the Yangtze River or cruising Japan's coastlines, our own innovative award-winning fleet consistently delivers an exceptional standard for which we're renowned.

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## Freedom of Choice

We understand that different travellers like different things. That's why we work with you to personalise your journey to suit your interests. Mix and match a wide selection of cultural, culinary, historical and adventurous experiences. Best part is they're all included.



## Award-Winning Travel

Among numerous accolades, APT was voted Best International Tour Operator from 2014 to 2015 by the Australian Federation of Travel Agents. We're also proud of the 98% satisfaction rating we receive from our travellers, and are committed to maintaining it.

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## Signature Experiences

These moments will truly impress. Designed by us especially for you, Signature Experiences add that something special to your journey. Gain an experience of China and Japan in far greater depth with once-in-a-lifetime moments that no amount of words or pictures can describe.

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## APT Concierge

With the APT Concierge app, you'll feel like a local wherever you are. Access a daily tour itinerary, tailor your independent discovery with local interactive maps, receive real-time messages from your APT tour director or expedition leader and utilise day-to-day travel essentials.



## Live Fully

With every detail taken care of behind the scenes, you're 100% free to be whoever you want to be. Walk along the Great Wall of China. Create your own gold leaf chopsticks in Kanazawa. Or sample street food from a variety of market stalls in Xi'an. Every day is yours to live fully.



**All-inspiring.  
All taken care of.  
Always. / 01**



From the moment you leave home to the moment you return, everything you need and nothing you don't is included in the trip price you pay when booking. Which means you're 100% free to make the most of every moment, without the hassle of wondering what it's all going to cost. It's a luxuriously liberating way to travel, and once you experience it, you'll never travel any other way again.

**Included on Your APT Journey:**

- Award-winning ships
- Award-winning service
- All sightseeing discoveries
- Outstanding APT tour director
- Expert local guides with invaluable insight
- Signature Experiences unique to APT
- Freedom of Choice inclusions
- Luxury service on board
- Luxury hotels
- Complimentary Wi-Fi
- APT Concierge app
- All internal flights included
- Return airport transfers, portorage and gratuities



**Above** Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu, Japan

Chosen for their prime location, usually within city centres for easy access to sightseeing or in settings without compare and unique locales, each luxurious hotel perfectly complements the destination you're in. And, as always with APT, we'll look after you from start to finish.

# Luxury Stays / 02





**Top Left** Shangri-La Hotel, Xi'an, China / **Above Right** Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai, China

## Encounter first hand the uncompromising luxury of some of Asia's finest hotels.

### **China**

Sleek and modern with touches of luxury, China plays host to some of the world's finest hotels. From the Shangri-La hotels in both Xi'an and Shanghai to the Fairmont Peace Hotel in Shanghai, stay in accommodation with uncompromising style and location.

### **Japan**

Just like the country itself, our range of hotels in Japan are warm, welcoming and intriguing. Enjoy traditional touches intermingled with contemporary designs, like the open-air onsen overlooking the horizon at Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu. While within walking distance to Kyoto's train station, The Thousand Kyoto is the epitome of comfort and convenience.



**Above** Enjoy a tea ceremony on board your Yangtze River cruise

Outstanding service and an unrivalled insider's perspective are hallmarks of every APT journey. The best thing about travelling with APT is knowing that you don't have to worry about anything. You're free from obligation and stress, so you can make every holiday moment count, knowing our experts have taken care of everything.

# Luxury Service / 03



We take care of the little details,  
so you can focus on having fun.

**Tour Directors & Expedition Leaders**

Your APT tour directors and expedition leaders will go the extra mile to ensure your journey exceeds your every expectation. They're with you from start to finish.

**Local Experts – Local Insight**

Our experts share with you insights that only a local could possess. Through them, the history, culture and traditions of their home towns truly come to life.

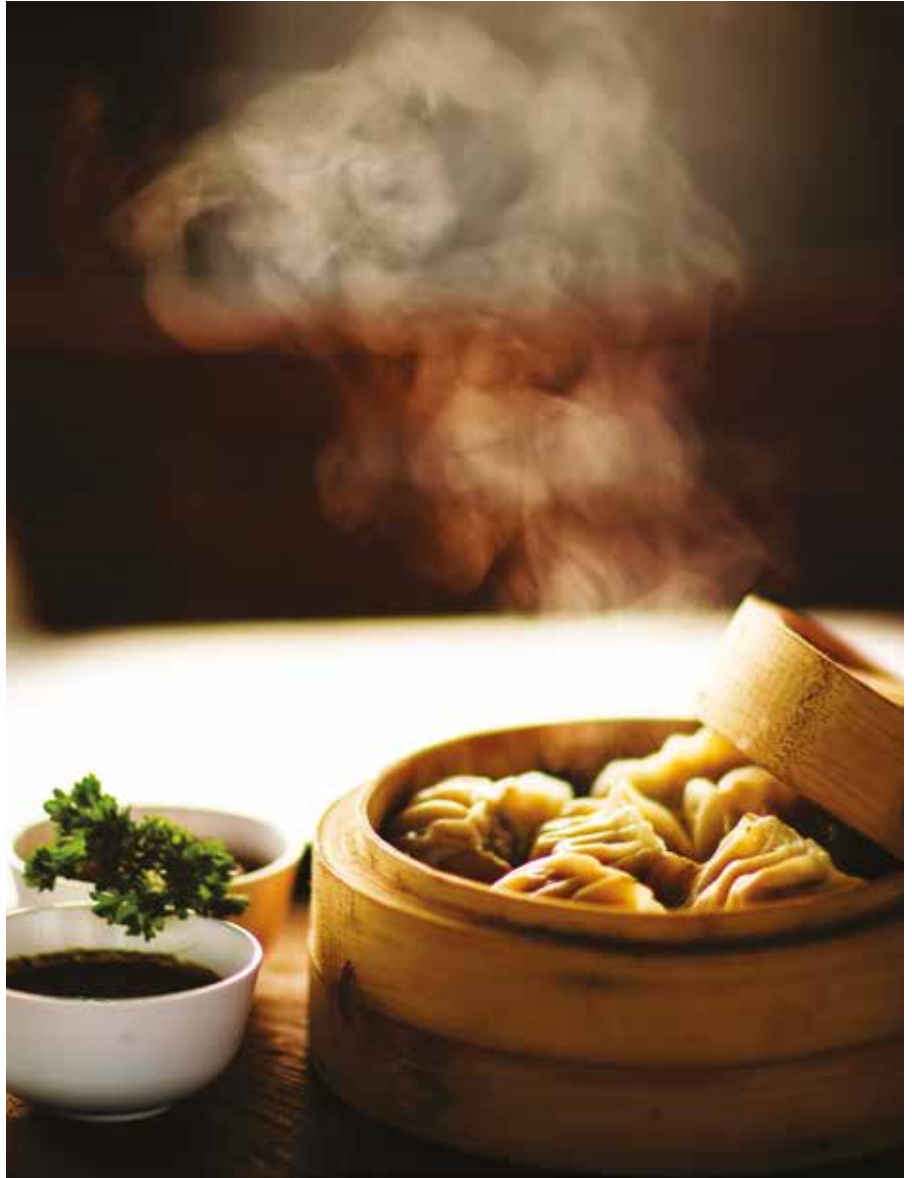
**Your Captain & Crew**

Your ship's captain and crew are hand-picked for their experience and expertise. They ensure your safety at all times. Our hospitality staff, meanwhile, will greet you by name and remember how you have your favourite drink. They truly make the ship a sparkling and cheerful home-away-from-home.



Peking duck melting in your mouth. Freshly made vegetable dumplings bursting with flavour. Sushi which beckons to try just one more. We know that food, being one of life's greatest pleasures, is a big part of every holiday. With fine onboard dining while cruising the Yangtze River, a variety of exotic local dishes to sample, as well as Freedom of Choice dining options in select destinations, you can follow your tastebuds on your own culinary journey.

# Luxury Dining / 04



## There's nothing better than eating and drinking your way through Asia.

### **Dining Along The Yangtze River**

A team of internationally trained chefs mean that every meal on board will be a memorable one. Get a taste for your surrounds with traditional Chinese cuisine, and if the need for comfort food arises, western cuisine is always available. Wash down tasty dishes with free-flowing house wine, local beer, and soft drink during meals on board your cruise.

### **The Student Becomes The Master**

Your holiday can continue even once you're home by taking back the skills to make dumplings or ramen from scratch. With a range of cooking classes available throughout your

trip, master traditional dishes with the help of highly trained chefs. Once you've impressed family and friends at home with your new skills, close your eyes, pop that freshly cooked dumpling into your mouth and be transported back to your time in China.

### **Freedom of Choice Dining Inclusions**

Not all people have the same tastes, especially when it comes to food. So in select places, we present a range of different restaurants to choose from. It's entirely up to you.



**Above** Deluxe Balcony Suite aboard the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Top Right** On deck aboard the MS Caledonian Sky / **Far Right** The Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer

Whether it's cruising down the Yangtze River, or over Japan's open waters, we make sure we only cruise with the best. The Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer meanders through China's Three Gorges Dam region while the APT-owned MS Caledonian Sky embarks on an in-depth exploration of Japan's coast and hidden ports.

# Luxury Fleet / 05



## Our innovative fleet ensures your life-enriching journey.

### **The Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer**

Cruise China's Yangtze River on an intimate adventure aboard this 62-suite boutique ship. The petite size, however, will not compromise the spaciousness of your suite. Suites have been recently refurbished, showcasing a contemporary style with Chinese influences. From your bed, look out of your window onto the changing scenery along the Three Gorges region. With the highest crew-to-guest ratio along the Yangtze, enjoy service that is second to none.

### **MS Caledonian Sky**

A large number of the 57 suites on board have private balconies where you can watch out for Japan's islands on the horizon. A maximum of 114 passengers ensures personalised attention thanks to your crew of 75. Enjoy the use of Molton Brown toiletries, as well as wine, beer and spirits served at your discretion.



**Above** Meet with a geisha in Kyoto, Japan

# Signature Experiences / 06





It's only when you scratch beneath the surface of a place that you truly get to experience it. With our range of exclusive and unique Signature Experiences, you can do exactly that. It might be the chance to meet cuddly pandas in Chengdu, or take a ramen masterclass with a local chef in Kyoto. Whatever it is, you can be sure that these exclusive experiences will form some of your favourite holiday moments.

⊛ Look for the logo throughout itineraries for your Signature Experiences.

These are the experiences that you'll recount  
to your friends and family, that will linger in  
your memory for years to come.

#### **Dine at The Great Wall**

Along the Great Wall of China, find a hidden area along a stretch of the Badaling section. Here you will enjoy a quiet lunch with free-flowing drinks.

#### **VIP Forbidden City Tour**

You are given exclusive VIP access to a section of the Forbidden City usually closed off to the general public. Gain access to the living quarters of Emperor Qianlong during the Qing Dynasty.

#### **Meet With a Geisha**

In Kyoto, you are invited to a private dinner hosted by the local geiko (geisha) and maiko (apprentice geisha). This is your chance to chat with them, and ask any burning questions you may have about the long-standing traditions and customs that are involved.

#### **Taiko Drumming Performance**

Listen to the rhythmic pounding of a taiko drum performance as it accompanies your dinner in Kyoto.



Our Freedom of Choice concept allows you to personalise your journey according to your interests. Mix and match a wide selection of cultural, culinary, relaxation and wilderness-based experiences. Go with something gourmet one day and get active the next. Get back to nature in a national park then take a day or two to relax. Dip your toes into a long-standing and rich cultural heritage. It's all completely up to you.

Ⓜ Look for the logo throughout itineraries for your Freedom of Choice inclusions.

# Freedom of Choice / 07



There's no following the crowds.  
Take the reigns and choose how to spend  
your holiday time, just the way you'd like.

**Culture & Heritage**

A guided walk through an ancient water town. Exploring a historic site. Watching a Chinese opera performance. Experiences which celebrate the long-standing culture and traditions of China and Japan await, you need only choose.

**Gourmet Delight**

Follow your nose to discover experiences that will excite any foodie. Navigate your way through street food stalls and feast on local specialties while watching a live cultural performance.

**Nature & Wildlife**

For the nature lovers, those with a passion for all creatures great and small. Visit national parks bursting with greenery and encounter exotic wildlife. Every option honours the natural landscapes of China and Japan.

**Relax & Revive**

Between sightseeing adventures, it's always nice to put your feet up. Take part in a Buddhist blessing, or discover the ancient art of Chinese foot reflexology. When you feel like a breather, we've got you covered.

See pages 104-105 for a full list of Freedom of Choice inclusions in each destination.



When you arrive somewhere new, the first thing you want to do is get out there and explore. But it can be difficult to know where to even start. With our personal APT Concierge app, exclusive to APT guests, you'll feel like a local wherever you are. Wander the streets and alleyways independently. Find hidden treasures and iconic sights. And take your time on your terms, so you can live fully in each and every unforgettable moment.

Accessible via a smart phone or tablet device, APT Concierge is available to download for free on Apple and Android devices.

# APT Concierge / 08



#### **Interactive Maps**

Discover hidden gems anywhere you go and build a personal travel guide. With detailed maps available for download and offline use, continue to explore even without a Wi-Fi connection.

#### **Day-to-Day Essentials**

Enjoy a wealth of meteorological data for each city you visit, track how you are spending your holiday funds, search multiple currencies, make quick currency conversions and check the time back home. Feel prepared wherever you go!

#### **Personalised Information**

Free yourself of pages and pages of trip information – this is the central hub for your daily movements and journey. Keep everything on the app for easy access and convenience, even when you're offline.

#### **Real-Time Updates**

Keep abreast of the rest and receive daily updates and travel advice from your tour director. To ensure that you receive your real time, valuable and relevant updates, push notifications must be enabled.



Before your trip, download the free app by using your smart phone or tablet device to scan the adjacent QR Code or searching for APT Concierge in the App Store or Google Play. Find the icon on your device and tap to open.



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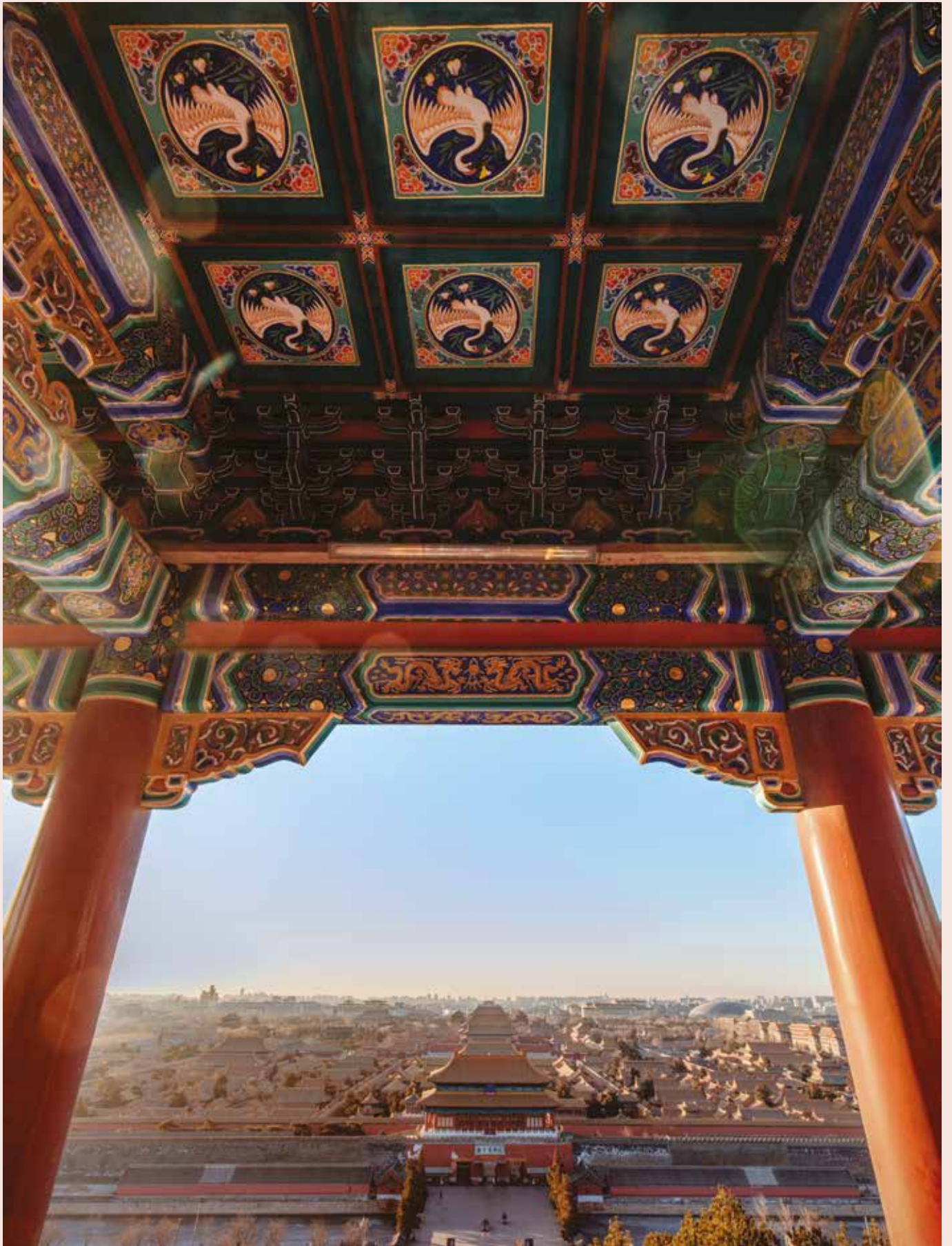
# Trip Finder

# Trip Finder overview

STYLE	DURATION	NAME	DESTINATION	PG
<b>China</b>				
Classic Journey	15 Days	Best of China	Beijing to Shanghai	44
Small Group Journey	17 Days	China with Tibetan Discovery	Beijing to Shanghai	48
Small Group Journey	17 Days	Treasures of China	Shanghai to Beijing	52
Small Group Journey	22 Days	Yunnan & Yangtze	Kunming to Shanghai	56
Small Group Journey	11 Days	Follow the Silk Road	Guangzhou to Beijing	60
Classic Journey	12 Days	Iconic China with Wuzhen	Beijing to Shanghai	62
Small Group Journey + Classic Journey	22 Days	Follow the Silk Road to Iconic China	Guangzhou to Shanghai	64
<b>Japan</b>				
Classic Journey	13 Days	Best of Japan	Tokyo to Osaka	70
Classic Journey	27 Days	Best of Japan & China	Tokyo to Shanghai	72
Small Ship Expedition Cruising	14 Days	Japan Coastal Discovery	Tokyo to Osaka	76
Small Ship Expedition Cruising + Classic Journey	20 Days	Japan Coastal Discovery with Tokyo & Hokkaido	Tokyo to Osaka	78
<b>Botanica World Discoveries</b>				
Classic Journey	14 Days	Chinese Gardens, History & Culture	Shanghai to Beijing	82
Small Ship Botanica Cruising	12 Days	Cherry Blossoms, Culture & Sights of Japan Cruise	Osaka to Tokyo	84
Small Ship Botanica Cruising	14 Days	Japanese Spring Blossoms, Gardens & Culture Cruise	Tokyo to Osaka	86
Small Ship Botanica Cruising + Small Group Journey	25 Days	Cherry Blossoms in Japan & Chinese Culture & Gardens in Spring	Osaka to Beijing	88
Small Group Journey	12 Days	Japan Culture, Art & Gardens in Autumn Splendour	Tokyo to Osaka	90







**Above** Forbidden City, Beijing

# China

A land of a thousand faces. Winding rivers, smoky mountains, stone forests and dry deserts. On an APT trip you will discover for yourself China's diverse natural beauty. Spend the majority of your time here in awe. Sweeping masses of terracotta soldiers. The Great Wall snaking 6,000 kilometres from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert. Rainbow bright prayer flags rippling in the wind. Giant pandas chewing on bamboo. China is a place where history, culture and natural wonders collide – there's something for everyone.

# Best of China

## Beijing to Shanghai

This is China like you've always dreamed. You'll walk along the Great Wall. Explore the Forbidden City. See rows of Terracotta Soldiers. Alongside the historic sights, the silver cities of Beijing and Shanghai glint under the sun. For nature lovers, cruise along the Yangtze River, where towering cliffs, riverside villages and sheer mountain peaks render you speechless.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 15 days, 14 nights / **Travel Style** Classic Journey / **Ship** Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** nine places  
**Go For** Giant pandas, Three Gorges scenery and the Terracotta Army in Xi'an

**Below** The Great Wall of China, Beijing

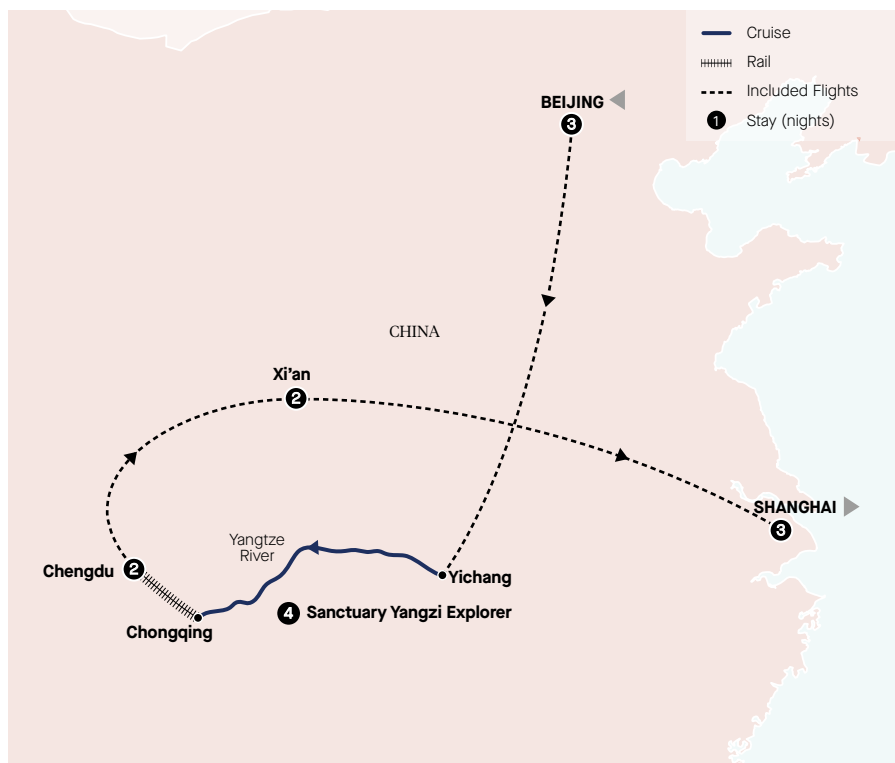


## Signature Experiences

- ☆ Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.
- ☆ Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- ☆ Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
- ☆ Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.

### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- 🕒 Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 01: Arrive Beijing

Welcome to China! We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. You'll have plenty of time to settle in, explore or relax. Tonight, celebrate the start of your journey with a welcome reception.

Three Nights: Regent Hotel Beijing.

### Day 02: Beijing

☆ There's so much to see and do in China's capital. Your first full day in Beijing begins with a tour of Tiananmen Square, the world's largest city square. You'll then visit a private section of the Forbidden City. Once used as the living quarters of Emperor Qianlong, this section is not usually open to the general public. The afternoon is at leisure before an evening indulging at an authentic Peking duck banquet. **BLD**

### Day 03: Beijing, Great Wall of China

☆ 🕒 Today you will make your way to the Great Wall of China. Along an unrestored stretch of the Badaling section, feast on a private lunch with free-flowing drinks. Tonight, there is an option to attend a Peking Opera show at Qianmen Liyuan Theatre, or to watch a Kung Fu Show at the Red Theatre. **BL**

### Day 04: Beijing, Yichang, Embark Cruise

🕒 Seize the day and visit the Temple of Heaven to explore the place of worship. Or, perhaps head to the Hutong district by rickshaw and visit a local calligrapher's home. Later, on your way to the airport, explore the modern 798 Art Zone, a contemporary art district in Beijing. Fly to Yichang. On arrival, we will transfer you to your ship – the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. **BLD**

Four Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

### Day 05: Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge

Draw back the curtains this morning to the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges region. At the Three Gorges Dam, take a tour of the Three Gorges Project and exhibition. Back on board, pass through the longest of the Three Gorges, Xiling Gorge, cruising through Yellow Ox Gorge and under Huangling Temple. Toast the journey with a captain's welcome reception and a special welcome dinner. **BLD**

### Day 06: Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge

At Badong, a ferry takes you to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). Paddle down the river, looking around at the rich surrounding forest and towering rock formations. The nose of your sampan touches the shore at a local riverside village, where you'll sneak a glimpse of rural Chinese life. Continue to Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge. Later, you might like to attend an arts and crafts lesson on board. **BLD**

### Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
01	Beijing	Welcome reception	09	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding
02	Beijing	Forbidden City	10	Chengdu, Xi'an	Xi'an city tour
03	Beijing	Great Wall of China	11	Xi'an	Terracotta Army
04	Beijing, Yichang	Yangtze River cruise	12	Xi'an, Shanghai	Freedom of Choice
05	Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge	Three Gorges Project	13	Shanghai	Acrobatic show
06	Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge	Local village visit	14	Shanghai	Freedom of Choice
07	Fuling	816 Underground Project	15	Shanghai	Farewell
08	Chongqing, Chengdu	Jinli Old Street			



Above Yangtze River / Right Jinxi, Shanghai

### Day 07: Fuling

Start your day with a Tai Chi class up on the ship's observation deck. Drop anchor at Fuling, a sleepy town along the Yangtze. Here, visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site hidden in the mountains. Shape your afternoon with a choice of activity. Perhaps attend a Chinese brush painting and calligraphy demonstration. You may prefer to play Mahjong, the ancient tile-based game. Or learn a little Mandarin. If you're feeling peckish, opt for a dumpling making lesson run by the ship's chef. Tonight, the Emperor's farewell dinner includes a Chinese banquet feast. **BLD**

### Day 08: Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Chengdu

Ⓜ Disembark your cruise in Chongqing where you'll board your high speed train to Chengdu. Upon arrival, head out for a stroll along the lantern-lined Jinli Old Street to peruse the local stalls and cafes. Choose where in your hotel you'd like to dine tonight. You might like to sample a range of different dishes with a buffet at the Grand Café, or feast on a Sichuan hotpot at #8 restaurant. **BLD**

Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

### Day 09: Chengdu

Ⓜ The morning is off to a delightful start with a visit to the famed Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Cuddly and curious, the giant panda is China's national treasure, and this facility is dedicated to their conservation through education. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to spend how you wish. **BL**

### Day 10: Chengdu, Xi'an

Ⓜ After breakfast head to the airport for your flight to Xi'an. This afternoon, join a city tour. Visit the ancient city wall, constructed in the 14th century during the early Ming Dynasty. Tonight, stroll through the market stalls of the Muslim Quarter, sampling authentic street food. Or, dine on dumplings before a Tang Dynasty performance. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Day 11: Xi'an, Terracotta Army

Ⓜ Today you will explore one of the oldest cities in China. Head to a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still being made. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses and the Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum. For dinner, choose from a range of restaurant options. **BLD**

## Lunch Along the Great Wall of China



The Badaling section of the Great Wall is one of the best preserved sections of this World Heritage site. Parts of this section were built or reinforced during the Ming dynasty in 1368 - 1644 AD. Here, a feast awaits. Settle in at the base of the wall and delight in an expertly prepared lunch with free-flowing drinks set up exclusively for you. Enjoy indulging on traditional Chinese cuisine amid one of the most iconic, awe-inspiring settings on the planet, a moment that is sure to linger in your memory.

### Day 12: Xi'an, Shanghai

✈ Today you'll fly to Shanghai. On arrival, jump on the high-speed Maglev train which travels at an exhilarating 300 kilometres per hour. From Jesuit cathedrals, Jewish synagogues and Buddhist temples, you'll notice right away the diverse range of architectural styles in Shanghai. Tonight, choose from three restaurants for dinner. **BD**

Three Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

### Day 13: Shanghai

🌟 This morning, head down to Shanghai's waterfront for a Tai Chi lesson taught by a master. Veer off the beaten path and discover a new side to Shanghai with a vintage convertible Jeep ride. Later, stop at the Jin Mao Tower and take an elevator to the 88th floor viewing deck, where you'll be whipping out your camera to capture those panoramic views of the city. This evening, you'll have the best seats at an acrobatic show, a highlight for today. **BL**

### Day 14: Shanghai

✈ Craft your day with a choice from three experiences. Perhaps cruise the Huangpu River through the heart of the city, then explore Yu Garden and enjoy a traditional Chinese tea ceremony before a dim sum lunch. Or, you may prefer to join a walking tour through the French Concession area. Your final option is a full day excursion to Jinxi, an ancient water town. Discover the 36 bridges which arch over the town's many water alleys, all built over several different dynasties. You'll have time at leisure to explore before returning to the city. A special farewell dinner is the perfect way to end your trip. **BLD**

### Day 15: Depart Shanghai

Your incredible journey through China draws to an end. We'll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight home. **B**



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<b>15 Days Beijing to Shanghai (CHYC15)</b>			
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	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$11,270	\$14,020
April 16; May 7; October 8, 29	Private Balcony Suite	\$10,995	\$14,395
	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$12,595	\$15,995

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# China with Tibetan Discovery

Beijing to Shanghai

At an elevation of 3,650 metres, Lhasa in Tibet is one of the world's highest cities. Translating to 'Place of the Gods', the city is deemed a holy land by Buddhists, and you have the chance to visit some of its most sacred sites, along with a slew of China's most iconic highlights.

## Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 17 days, 16 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey / **Ship** Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** 10 places

**Go For** Mountain vistas, Buddhist monks and monasteries

**Below** Potala Palace, Lhasa



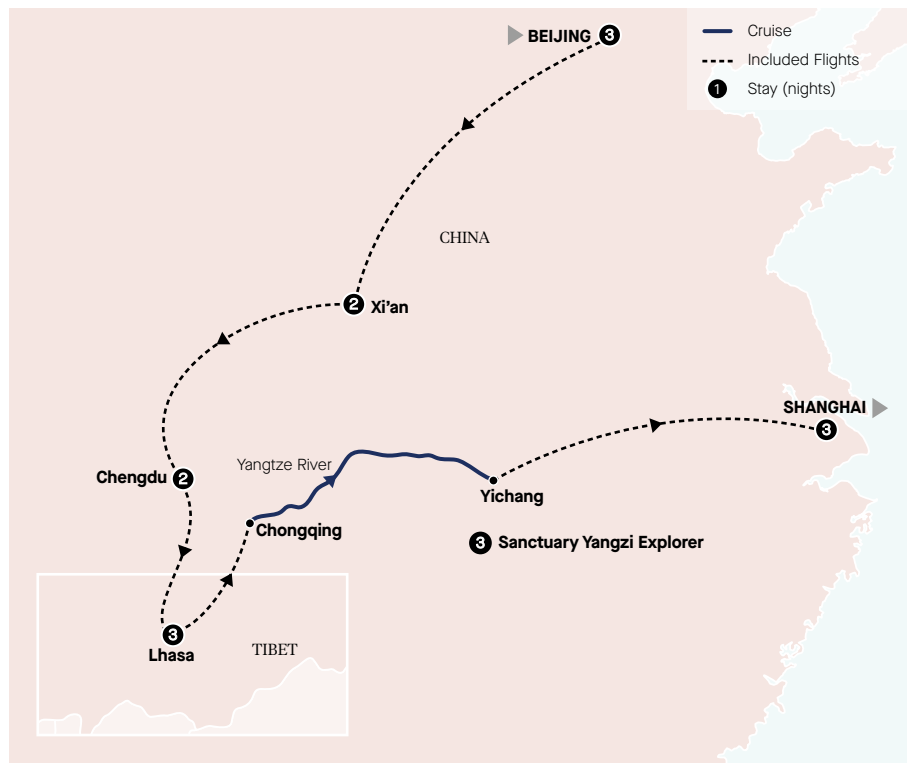


## Signature Experiences

- ☆ Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.
- ☆ Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- ☆ Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
- ☆ Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.

### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 01: Arrive Beijing

We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. You'll have plenty of time to settle in, explore or relax. Tonight, celebrate the journey to come with a welcome reception.

Three Nights: Regent Hotel Beijing.

### Day 02: Beijing

☆ Your first full day in China begins with a tour of Tiananmen Square. Enlarged to four times its original size in the 1950s, Tiananmen is the world's largest city square. Head to the World Heritage-listed Forbidden City, where you'll visit a private section. Once used as the living quarters of Emperor Qianlong during the Qing Dynasty, this section is exclusively open just for us. Lunch will be at a local restaurant, before an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, indulge in an authentic Peking duck banquet for dinner. **BLD**

### Day 03: Beijing, Great Wall of China

☆ Ⓜ Today, set out for the Great Wall of China. Wander along the Badaling section where you'll savour a private lunch with free-flowing drinks, prepared especially for you. Tonight, explore the city at your own pace. You may like to attend a Peking Opera show at Qianmen Liyuan Theatre. Or, you can opt to watch a Kung Fu Show at the Red Theatre. The choice is yours. **BL**

### Day 04: Beijing, Xi'an

Ⓜ Begin your day with visit to the modern 798 Art Zone, an iconic contemporary art district. With some free time, you might visit UCCA (Ullens Center of Contemporary Art) which celebrates Chinese and international artists. This afternoon, you'll fly to Xi'an. For dinner, choose from a range of restaurant options. **BLD**  
Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Day 05: Xi'an

Ⓜ Today, visit the ancient city wall, one of the largest military defensive systems in the world. You'll then head to a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still made today. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses and discover the history of the warriors. Tonight, stroll through the market stalls of the Muslim Quarter, sampling local street food. Or, watch a Tang Dynasty show with dinner. **BLD**

### Day 06: Xi'an, Chengdu

Ⓜ Early risers can start their day with a visit to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. Afterwards, fly to Chengdu. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel before setting out to explore at your own pace. This evening, two delicious dinner options are available to choose from. **BD**  
Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

### Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
01	Beijing	Welcome reception	10	Lhasa	Explore Norbulinka
02	Beijing	Forbidden City	11	Lhasa, Chongqing	Yangtze River cruise
03	Beijing	Great Wall of China	12	Fuling	816 Underground Project
04	Beijing, Xi'an	Modern 798 Art Zone	13	Three Gorges	Local village visit
05	Xi'an	Terracotta Army	14	Yichang, Shanghai	Disembark cruise
06	Xi'an, Chengdu	Freedom of Choice	15	Shanghai	Acrobatic show
07	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding	16	Shanghai	Freedom of Choice
08	Lhasa	Barkhor Bazaar market	17	Shanghai	Farewell
09	Lhasa	Visit Potala Palace and Jokhang Temple			



Above Lhasa, Tibet / Right Shanghai

#### Day 07: Chengdu

🌟 If you're an animal lover, you'll relish a visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Get up close to these cuddly creatures and learn about their breeding and conservation. After lunch, visit Jinli Old Street, one of China's oldest commercial streets. **BLD**

#### Day 08: Lhasa

Fly to the Tibetan city of Lhasa. Once here you'll have the rest of the day to acclimatise to one of the world's highest cities, explore at your own pace, or even take the included shuttle to Barkhor Bazaar market where you can shop for trinkets, fresh food, silver jewellery and more. It is also a great place for people watching. **BD**  
Three Nights: Lhasa, InterContinental Paradise Hotel.

#### Day 09: Lhasa

Wake this morning to a place where the sky seems almost close enough to touch. Today, visit the city's most sacred sites. Explore the World Heritage-listed Potala Palace, a major pilgrimage site for Tibetan Buddhists. You'll visit Jokhang Temple, the holiest place in Tibet. After lunch, you can wander the Barkhor Bazaar market again. Tonight, dine on a traditional Tibetan feast. **BLD**

#### Day 10: Lhasa

After breakfast, head to World Heritage-listed Norbulinka, the former summer palace of the Dalai Lama. Wander the tranquil gardens here and understand why its name can be translated from Tibetan to mean 'Treasure Garden'. After a stop for lunch, visit the Sera Monastery and see monks debating Buddhist doctrines. **BL**

#### Day 11: Lhasa, Chongqing, Embark Cruise

It's time to say goodbye to Tibet as you board your flight to Chongqing. Upon arrival, join a tour of the city's sights. This afternoon, board the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer for your cruise along the Yangtze River. **BLD**  
Three Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

#### Day 12: Fuling

Rise early to join a Tai Chi class on the ship's deck. After breakfast, disembark in Fuling. Here, visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site hidden in the mountains. Spend the afternoon however you like. Attend a Chinese brush painting and calligraphy demonstration. Learn how to play Mahjong, an ancient tile game. Try your hand at Mandarin. Or, learn how to make dumplings. Tonight, enjoy a Captain's welcome reception. **BLD**

### Exclusive VIP Access to the Forbidden City



Exclusively open just for us, wander the deserted Shu Fang Zhai section of the Forbidden City. Translated to mean Studio of Cleansing Fragrance, this area was used by Emperor Qianlong as a study and Peking opera stage. Inside, you'll find furniture from the Qing Dynasty, secret chambers, and courtyards which once hosted operas and tea banquets. Away from the crowds, you can wander this section peacefully.

**Day 13: Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Shennong Stream, Xiling Gorge**

This morning, cruise through dramatic vistas of the Qutang and Wu gorges. Later, you'll step off at Badong and hop on a ferry and onwards to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). Paddle down the river until the nose of your sampan touches the shores of a local riverside village. Here, you'll sneak a glimpse at traditional, rural Chinese life. After lunch back on board, pass the largest of the three gorges, Xiling Gorge. Tonight, feast on a Chinese banquet farewell dinner with your captain. **BLD**

**Day 14: Yichang, Disembark Cruise, Shanghai**

It's time to disembark after breakfast. Fly to Shanghai. On arrival, jump on the high-speed Maglev train which travels at an exhilarating 300 kilometres per hour. From Jesuit cathedrals, Jewish synagogues and Buddhist temples, you'll notice right away the diverse range of architectural styles here. **BL**

Three Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

**Day 15: Shanghai**

⊛ This morning, head down to Shanghai's waterfront for a Tai Chi lesson taught by a master. After, veer off the beaten path and discover a new side to Shanghai with a vintage convertible Jeep ride. Later, stop at the Jin Mao Tower and take an elevator to the 88th floor viewing deck, where you'll be whipping out your camera to capture those panoramic views of the city. This evening, you'll have the best seats at an acrobatic show. **BL**

**Day 16: Shanghai**

⊛ Perhaps cruise the Huangpu River, explore Yu Garden and enjoy a traditional Chinese tea ceremony before a dim sum lunch. Or, you may prefer to join a walking tour through the French Concession area. You might choose to head to Jinxi, an ancient water town. How you spend today is completely up to you. A farewell dinner is the perfect way to end your trip. **BLD**

**Day 17: Depart Shanghai**

Your journey comes to an end after breakfast. We say goodbye before a transfer to the airport. **B**



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	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$13,470	\$16,220
April 13; October 12	Private Balcony Suite	\$12,645	\$15,945
	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$14,245	\$17,545

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# Treasures of China

## Shanghai to Beijing

Discover Yangshuo and its landscape from another world. As a blanket of fog rolls across the Li River, hulking karst mountains come into view, making up the horizon. Team that with a colourful local market and a famous cultural show which uses the river as its stage, and your journey to China goes well beyond the ordinary.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 17 days, 16 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey / **Ship** Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** 11 places  
**Go For** Li River cruise, Limestone karst mountain scenery and the famous 'Impression Sanjie Liu' cultural show



## Signature Experiences

- ☆ Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.
- ☆ Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
- ☆ Watch the famous 'Impression Sanjie Liu' cultural show in Yangshuo.
- ☆ Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- ☆ Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.

### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 01: Arrive Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai where we'll meet and transfer you to your hotel. After time to settle in, gather tonight for a welcome reception.

Three Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

### Day 02: Shanghai

Head down early to Shanghai's waterfront for a Tai Chi lesson. A highlight for today is veering off the beaten path and discovering a new side to Shanghai with a vintage convertible Jeep ride. Later, stop at the Jin Mao Tower and take an elevator right up to the 88th floor viewing deck. A welcome dinner at a local restaurant is the perfect way to kick start your adventure. **BLD**

### Day 03: Shanghai

☆ Ⓜ Perhaps cruise the Huangpu River and explore Yu Garden before a dim sum lunch.

Or, join a walking tour through the French Concession area. You might prefer to head to Jinxi, an ancient water town. How you spend today is completely up to you. Tonight, witness an acrobatic show. **BL**

### Day 04: Shanghai, Yichang, Embark Cruise

Fly to Yichang. On arrival, we will transfer you to your ship – the smallest, most exclusive and luxurious ship along the Yangtze River – the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. **BLD**

Four Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

### Day 05: Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge

Cruise along the Three Gorges region. At the Three Gorges Dam, take a tour of the Three Gorges Project and exhibition. Back on board, pass through the longest of the Three Gorges, Xiling Gorge, cruising through Yellow Ox Gorge and under Huangling Temple. Tonight, the Emperor's farewell dinner includes a Chinese banquet feast. **BLD**

### Day 06: Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge, Shennong Stream

This morning, cruise through the dramatic vistas of the Qutang and Wu gorges. Later, you'll step off at Badong and transfer by ferry to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). Paddle down the river until the nose of your sampan touches the shore at a local riverside village. Here, you'll sneak a glimpse at traditional, rural Chinese life. **BLD**

### Day 07: Fuling

Rise early to join a Tai Chi class on the ship's deck. After breakfast, disembark in Fuling. Here, visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site hidden in the mountains. Spend the afternoon however you like. Attend a Chinese brush painting and calligraphy demonstration. Learn how to play Mahjong, an age-old tile game. Try your hand at Mandarin. Or, learn how to make dumplings. Tonight, enjoy a captain's farewell dinner. **BLD**

### Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
01	Shanghai	Welcome reception	09	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding
02	Shanghai	Vintage convertible Jeep ride	10	Chengdu, Guilin	Jinli Old Street
03	Shanghai	Acrobatic show	11	Yangshuo	'Impressions Sanjie Liu' cultural show
04	Shanghai, Yichang	Yangtze River cruise	12	Yangshu, Guilin, Xi'an	Freedom of Choice
05	Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge	Three Gorges Project	13	Xi'an	Terracotta Army
06	Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge	Local village visit	14	Xi'an, Beijing	Freedom of Choice
07	Fuling	816 Underground Project	15	Beijing	Great Wall of China
08	Chongqing, Chengdu	Disembark cruise	16	Beijing	Forbidden City
			17	Beijing	Farewell



Above Guilin / Right Terracotta Warriors clay factory, Xi'an

**Day 08: Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Chengdu**

✈ Disembark your cruise in Chongqing and board a high speed train to Chengdu. Visit Jinli Old Street, one of China's oldest commercial streets. Where you'd like to dine tonight is completely up to you. **BLD**

Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

**Day 09: Chengdu**

★ The morning is off to an exciting start with a visit to the famed Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. This facility is dedicated to the conservation of these cuddly and curious creatures. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to spend at leisure. **BL**

**Day 10: Chengdu, Guilin**

This morning, enjoy time at leisure. Later, fly to Guilin. The evening is yours to explore. **BD**

Stay: Guilin, Shangri-La Hotel.

**Day 11: Yangshuo**

★ This morning, soak up the sublime views along Li River. After, cruise to the picturesque town of Yangshuo. You might opt to hop on a bike and ride to the Banyan Tree Park. Or, simply stroll through the shopping district.

Tonight, watch the famous 'Impression Sanjie Liu' cultural show by Zhang Yimou. Using the river as a stage, and the limestone karst mountains as the backdrop, the show is a true celebration of the land. **BLD**

Stay: Yangshuo, Banyan Tree Resort.

**Day 12: Yangshuo, Guilin, Xi'an**

✈ After breakfast drive to Guilin for your onwards flight to Xi'an. This afternoon, join a city tour before a stroll through the market stalls of the Muslim Quarter, sampling local street food from melt-in-your-mouth lamb kebabs to sticky and sweet rice cakes. Alternatively, watch a Tang Dynasty show with dinner. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

**Day 13: Xi'an, Terracotta Army**

✈ Today you will explore one of the oldest cities in China. Visit the ancient city wall, one of the largest military defensive systems in the world. You'll then visit a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still made today. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses and discover the history of the warriors. For dinner, choose from a range of restaurants. **BLD**

**Chengdu Research Base for Giant Panda Breeding**



Rare and endangered species, like lesser pandas, black-necked cranes and white storks flourish in this research centre amid verdant bamboo and bright blooms. But it's the giant pandas who really steal the show. Learn about the giant panda's development, from a tiny newborn weighing in on average at a minuscule 100 grams, to a frolicking, bamboo-chewing adult, who consumes up to 12.5 kilograms of bamboo daily to reach an average weight of 80- 150 kilograms.

#### Day 14: Xi'an, Beijing

✈️ Fly to Beijing this morning. On arrival, explore the modern 798 Art Zone, a contemporary art district in Beijing. Seize the afternoon and choose to visit the Temple of Heaven. If you're after a unique experience, head to the Hutong district by rickshaw and visit a local calligrapher's home. **BD**

Three Nights: Beijing Regent Hotel.

#### Day 15: Beijing

✈️ 🚗 Set out for the Great Wall of China today. The sheer magnitude of this 8th-century monument is captivating. Prepared especially for us, feast on lunch overlooking the wall. Tonight, attend a Peking Opera show or a Kung Fu Show. It's up to you. **BL**

#### Day 16: Beijing

✈️ Your day begins with a tour of Tiananmen Square. Enlarged to four times its original size in the 1950s, Tiananmen is the world's largest city square. Head to the World Heritage-listed Forbidden City, where you'll visit a private section. Once used as the living quarters of Emperor Qianlong during the Qing Dynasty, this section is not open to the general public. Lunch will be at a local restaurant, before an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, end your trip on a high with an authentic Peking duck banquet farewell dinner. **BLD**

#### Day 17: Depart Beijing

Your journey ends after breakfast with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**



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# Yunnan & Yangtze

## Kunming to Shanghai

Venture into the Yunnan Province, where the land is laced with magic. Step into a petrified stone forest at Kunming. Feast your eyes on idyllic scenes at Black Dragon Pool. Admire the drama of Leaping Tiger Gorge at Shangri-La. China in all its natural splendour, laid out before your eyes.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 22 days, 21 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey / **Ship** Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** 13 places  
**Go For** Kunming Stone Forest, Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and traditional Chinese tea ceremonies

**Below** Songzanlin Monastery, Shangri-La



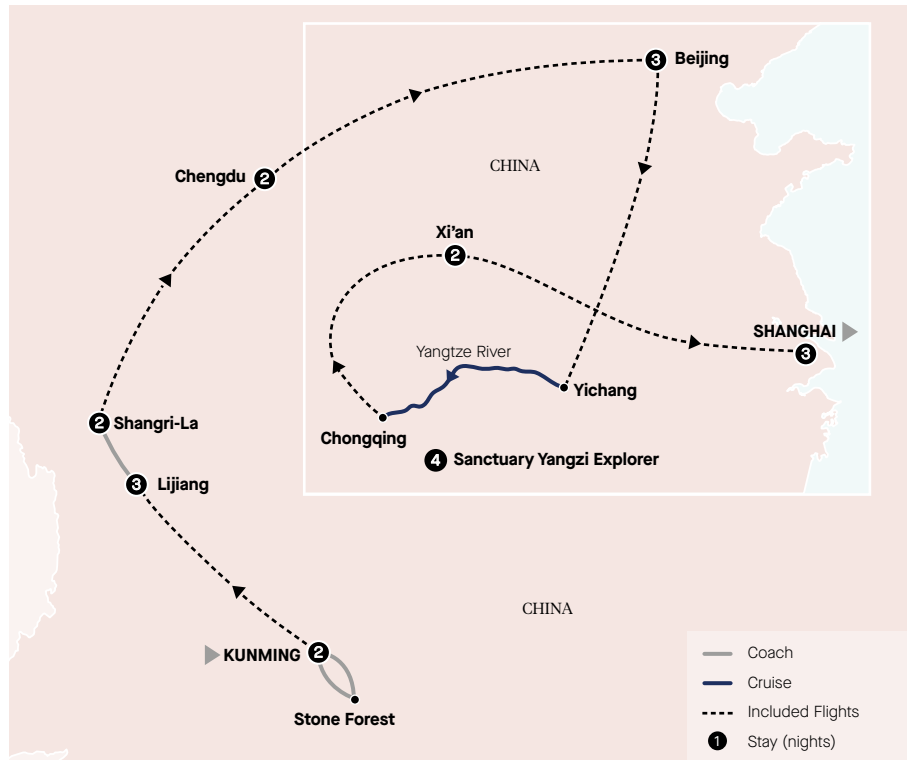


## Signature Experiences

- ☆ Visit the Stone Forest in Kunming.
- ☆ Watch the famous 'Impression Lijiang' cultural show.
- ☆ Explore the Songzanlin Monastery in Shangri-La.
- ☆ Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.
- ☆ Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- ☆ Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.

### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 01: Arrive Kunming

We'll transfer you to your hotel. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception at your hotel.

Two Nights: Kunming, Green Lake Hotel.

### Day 02: Kunming, Stone Forest

☆ A real highlight is today's visit to the Stone Forest, a collection of karst rock pillars which resemble petrified trees. Lunch is at Chef Pan's restaurant in Yiliang. Back in Kunming, devour an 'Across the Bridge Noodles' dinner. **BLD**

### Day 03: Kunming, Lijiang

Ⓜ Fly to World Heritage-listed Lijiang, nestled at the foot of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. Tonight, choose where to dine. **BLD**

Three Nights: Lijiang, Grand Hyatt Resort Hotel.

### Day 04: Lijiang

Explore Dayan, the old town of Lijiang, before a traditional Chinese tea ceremony. Later, have your camera at the ready as you visit Black Dragon Pool bridge, a true photographer's paradise. **BL**

### Day 05: Lijiang

☆ Begin your day at Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, where you may ride a cable car to the Yunshan Ping viewing platform. Later, you will bear witness to the Impression Lijiang show, a magnificent outdoor singing and dancing performance. Afterwards, feast on traditional Chinese dishes for dinner, a perfect end to your day. **BLD**

### Day 06: Lijiang, Shangri-La

As you travel towards Shangri-La, enjoy the dramatic landscapes of the Yangtze River. Later, stop at Tiger Leaping Gorge to admire this magnificent canyon which carves a path through the mountains. Enjoy traditional Tibetan cuisine at your hotel. **BLD**

Two Nights: Shangri-La, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Day 07: Shangri-La

☆ Visit Songzanlin Monastery today and see the gilded copper roof shining in the sun. This afternoon, visit the home of a Tibetan family and learn the daily rituals of local life before heading to the enormous Fortunate Victory Prayer Wheel in the heart of Shangri-La's Old Town. **BLD**

## Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
01	Kunming	Welcome reception	13	Beijing, Yichang	Yangtze River cruise
02	Kunming	Visit the Stone Forest	14	Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge	Three Gorges Project
03	Lijiang	Freedom of Choice	15	Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge	Local village visit
04	Lijiang	Black Dragon Pool Park	16	Fuling	816 Underground Project
05	Lijiang	Impression Lijiang Show	17	Chongqing, Xi'an	Freedom of Choice
06	Shangri-La	Tiger Leaping Gorge	18	Xi'an	Terracotta Army
07	Shangri-La	Songzanlin Monastery	19	Xi'an, Shanghai	Freedom of Choice
08	Shangri-La, Chengdu	Freedom of Choice	20	Shanghai	Acrobatic show
09	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding	21	Shanghai	Freedom of Choice
10	Beijing	Arrive in Beijing	22	Shanghai	Farewell
11	Beijing	Forbidden City			
12	Beijing	Great Wall of China			



Above Stone Forest, Kunming / Right Yangtze Rive

#### Day 08: Shangri-La, Chengdu

☞ The morning is yours to spend at leisure. Shape your afternoon with a choice from three experiences. Head to Pudacuo National Park and admire the pretty Bita and Shudu Lakes. Or, visit a local monastery for a traditional Tibetan Buddhist blessing. Another option is to relax with a Chinese foot reflexology treatment. Dinner is at a local restaurant tonight before we transfer you to the airport for your flight to Chengdu. **BLD**

Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

#### Day 09: Chengdu

☞ ☞ Today, visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Get up close to the giant panda as they snooze, play and munch on bamboo. After lunch, take some time to explore the city at your own pace. For dinner, opt for a buffet at the Grand Café, or feast on a Sichuan hotspot at #8 restaurant. **BLD**

#### Day 10: Chengdu, Beijing.

It's time to fly to Beijing. You have the entire day to spend at your leisure. You may like to relax at your hotel or step out for a wander along nearby Wangfujing Street. **BD**

Three Nights: Regent Hotel Beijing.

#### Day 11: Beijing

☞ Your sightseeing begins today with a tour of Tiananmen Square, followed by a visit to the Forbidden City. Visit a private section of the city, once the living quarters of Emperor Qianlong. Gather for an authentic Peking duck feast tonight. **BLD**

#### Day 12: Beijing, Great Wall of China

☞ ☞ Set out for the Great Wall of China. Here, enjoy an exclusive lunch. Tonight, choose to attend a Peking Opera show at Qianmen Liyuan Theatre, or watch a Kung Fu Show at the Red Theatre. **BL**

#### Day 13: Beijing, Yichang, Embark Cruise

☞ Choose from a range of activities this morning. Afterwards fly to Yichang. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your river ship. **BLD**  
Four Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

#### Day 14: Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge

Cruise along the Three Gorges region. Join a tour of the Three Gorges Project and exhibition. Back on board, we'll pass through Xiling Gorge. After the captain's welcome reception tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner. **BLD**

## Kunming Stone Forest



Deep within China's Yunnan Province, an ancient forest has stood solid and unmoving for over 270 million years. Unlike those you've come to expect, it's not trees that make up this 300 square kilometre forest, but hulking limestone karsts. One of the most visited parts of this monumental site is the Ashima Stone, which is said to resemble a girl of the Sani people, who fled to the forest and was turned to stone after she was forbidden to marry the man she loved.

### Day 15: Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge

Step off at Badong and be ferried to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat) to a local riverside village. After lunch on board, continue to Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge. **BLD**

### Day 16: Fuling

After breakfast, disembark in Fuling. Here, visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site hidden in the mountains. The afternoon is at your leisure. Tonight, the Emperor's farewell dinner is a Chinese banquet feast. **BLD**

### Day 17: Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Xi'an

✈️ Disembark your ship in Chongqing and fly to Xi'an. This afternoon join a city tour. Tonight, choose from two options for dinner. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Day 18: Xi'an, Terracotta Army

✈️ Visit a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still made today. The afternoon is spent at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses and the Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum. Tonight, tour the market stalls of the Muslim Quarter and sample a range of street food. Or, watch a Tang Dynasty show with dinner. **BLD**

### Day 19: Xi'an, Shanghai

✈️ Spend the morning at leisure before flying to Shanghai. On arrival, jump on the high-speed Maglev train which travels at an exhilarating 300 kilometres per hour. Tonight, choose where to dine. **BD**

Three Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

### Day 20: Shanghai

🚗 Head down early to Shanghai's waterfront for a Tai Chi lesson. Join a vintage convertible Jeep ride through the city. Later, stop at the Jin Mao Tower and take an elevator to the 88th floor viewing deck. Tonight, watch an acrobatic show, sure to be a highlight today. **BL**

### Day 21: Shanghai

✈️ Perhaps cruise the Huangpu River through the heart of the city and explore Yu Garden. Or take part in a French Concession walking tour. Maybe a full day excursion to Jinxi is on your list. Tonight, join a farewell dinner. **BLD**

### Day 22: Depart Shanghai

Your trip ends with a transfer to the airport. **B**

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2020 Dates and Prices (NZ\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
<b>22 Days Kunming to Shanghai (CHYC22)</b>			
May 5; September 1; October 13	Private Balcony Suite	\$16,495	\$21,245
	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$18,245	\$22,995

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# Follow the Silk Road

## Guangzhou to Beijing

Travel back thousands of years to a time when Europe and Asia were connected by a criss cross of ancient trade routes, exchanging everything from horses with silk to honey with spices. From the remote city of Ürümqi, to Kashgar which clings onto China's western outskirts and the desert oasis of Dunhuang, discover a side of China that few venture to.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 11 days, 10 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey / **Visit** six places

**Go For** Heavenly Lake cruise, navigating the Old Town of Kashgar and ancient Buddhist history

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Guangzhou
02	Guangzhou
03	Guangzhou, Kashgar
04	Kashgar
05	Kashgar, Ürümqi
06	Ürümqi
07	Ürümqi
08	Ürümqi, Liuyuan, Dunhuang
09	Dunhuang
10	Dunhuang, Beijing
11	Beijing

### Signature Experiences

- ☆ As the sun begins to set, take a camel ride across the rippling sands of the Gobi Desert in Dunhuang.
- ☆ Visit the Mogao Buddhist Caves in Dunhuang, a series of caves which concealed ancient Buddhist murals and scriptures.

#### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

#### Day 01: Arrive Guangzhou

Beginning in the port city of Guangzhou, we'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome reception to meet your fellow travellers.

Two Nights: Guangzhou, White Swan Hotel.

#### Day 02: Guangzhou

Your day is off to an exciting start with a picturesque cruise along Pearl River. End your cruise at the Guangzhou TV Tower, where you are rewarded with sweeping panoramas of the city. Afterwards, you're spoilt for choice with a delicious dim sum lunch. With bellies full, a relaxing stroll along the concession section of Shamian is a welcome option. During your ambling, admire the mixture of European and traditional Cantonese architecture. Dinner tonight is enjoyed at your hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 03: Guangzhou, Kashgar

After breakfast, we transfer you to the airport for your included flight onwards to Kashgar, China's westernmost corner. Kashgar was once the centre of trade along the Silk Road for more than two millennia, and you have the opportunity to delve into the city's history. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. **BD**

Two Nights: Kashgar, Radisson Blu Hotel.

#### Day 04: Kashgar

For a dose of authentic Kashgar culture, visit the Livestock Market, which has been in operation every Sunday for two thousand years. Continue to the Kashgar Sunday Bazaar, a lively marketplace where you can find goods such as vibrant handwoven rugs, silk, semi-precious stones and spices. After lunch, visit the Abakh Khoja Tomb, the holiest Muslim site in the region. Nestled among the poplar trees, this vibrant tomb has often been compared with the Taj Mahal. Tonight, a folk dance and music show is the perfect end to an exciting day. **BLD**

#### Day 05: Kashgar, Ürümqi

The day is spent navigating the narrow alleyways of the Old Town. After breakfast, head to the east city gate to witness the gate opening ceremony. After, wander the century-old houses of the Old Town, passing street stalls selling everything from freshly made dumplings to fabric and musical instruments. You will then visit Id Kah Mosque, the largest in China that can accommodate up to 20,000 worshippers. For lunch, feast on lamb kebabs, the regional dish. Later, fly to Ürümqi. **BL**

Three Nights: Ürümqi, Grand Mecure Hotel.

#### Day 06: Ürümqi

Ⓜ Head to the city's outskirts, to the alpine region of Tien Shan. The name is translated to mean "Celestial Mountains". Visit Heavenly Lake and take a small boat ride across the tranquil surface, admiring the picture-perfect scenery drift by. Get a taste for local life and visit a yurt, a traditional home for the Kazakh people. The choice is up to you for dinner tonight. At your hotel, you might like to fill your plate up with international cuisine at a buffet. Or, sample some of China's signature dishes. **BLD**

#### Day 07: Ürümqi

The capital of the Xinjiang region in the far northwest of China is yours to discover today. Head out for lunch on your own and enjoy some time to explore independently. It's then onwards to the Ürümqi Provincial Museum. Here you have the chance to view around 50,000 relics which have been excavated along the Silk Road. These include silk, terracotta figurines, weapons and scriptures. The main event is undoubtedly the 10 excavated mummies of the Loulan Ruins, the most famous being 'Sleeping Beauty', the best-preserved mummified body in China, buried underground for approximately 3,800 years. Feast tonight on a lamb hotpot with local entertainment. **BD**

**Day 08: Ürümqi, Liuyuan, Dunhuang**

☼ Hop on a train this morning for the journey through the breathtaking vistas of the Kunlun Mountains to Liuyuan. Disembark your train and climb into a coach for the drive to Dunhuang, once a flourishing trade centre along the Silk Road. A real highlight for today is a sunset camel ride along the sand slopes of the Gobi Desert to the ancient, half-moon oasis of Crescent Spring. You can be forgiven for thinking this tiny slice of paradise is a mirage. Spend some time here enjoying your surrounds. **BLD**  
Two Nights: Dunhuang, Silk Road Hotel.

**Day 09: Dunhuang**

☼ Today you will visit Dunhuang's best-known landmark, the Mogao Buddhist Caves. Over 500 caves have been carved into the eastern slopes of Echoing Sand Mountain (Mingsha Shan). Discover Buddhist murals, statues and hidden manuscripts. Gather tonight for a special dinner as you farewell the silk road. **BLD**

**Day 10: Dunhuang, Beijing**

It's time to say goodbye to the Silk Road and board your flight to China's cosmopolitan capital. How you spend the afternoon is up to you. You might like to relax in your room, or explore the city at your own pace. Tonight, celebrate a memorable journey with a delicious farewell dinner. **BD**  
Stay: Beijing, Regent Hotel.

**Day 11: Beijing**

Your journey ends after breakfast with a transfer to the airport for your flight home. **B**



Above Heavenly Lake, Ürümqi

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<b>11 Days Guangzhou to Beijing (CHLS11)</b>		
August 20; September 3; October 15	\$9,895	\$11,645

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# Iconic China with Wuzhen

## Beijing to Shanghai

On this journey, you'll experience the buzz of the big cities in addition to the quiet tranquillity of an ancient water town. Wander into Wuzhen, where wooden homes from the Qing dynasty still stand, small boats drift down canals and street vendors sell green bean soup and tea.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 12 days, 11 nights / **Travel Style** Classic Journey / **Visit** five places

**Go For** Ancient water towns and canal boat rides

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Beijing
02	Beijing
03	Beijing
04	Beijing, Xi'an
05	Xi'an
06	Xi'an, Chengdu
07	Chengdu
08	Chengdu, Shanghai, Wuzhen
09	Wuzhen
10	Wuzhen, Shanghai
11	Shanghai
12	Shanghai

### Signature Experiences

- Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.
- Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
- Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.

#### Key

- Signature Experiences
- Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

#### Day 01: Arrive Beijing

Welcome to China! We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. You'll have plenty of time to settle in, explore or relax. Tonight, celebrate the start of your adventure with a welcome reception.

Three Nights: Regent Hotel Beijing.

#### Day 02: Beijing

Your first full day in China begins with a tour of Tiananmen Square. Head to the World Heritage-listed Forbidden City, where you'll have VIP access to a private section, once used as the living quarters of Emperor Qianlong during the Qing Dynasty. This section is exclusively open just for us. Lunch will be at a local restaurant, before an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, indulge in an authentic Peking duck banquet for dinner. **BLD**

#### Day 03: Beijing, Great Wall of China

Today, set out for the Great Wall of China. Wander along the Badaling section where you'll savour a private lunch with free-flowing drinks, prepared especially for you. Tonight, explore the city at your own pace. You may like to attend a Peking Opera show at Qianmen Liyuan Theatre. Or, you can opt to watch a Kung Fu Show at the Red Theatre. The choice is yours. **BL**

#### Day 04: Beijing, Xi'an

Today you'll fly to Xi'an. Join a city tour which includes a buggy ride within the ancient city walls. Tonight, stroll through the market stalls of the Muslim Quarter, sampling authentic street food. Or, watch a Tang Dynasty show with dinner. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

#### Day 05: Xi'an

This morning, visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi'an's most iconic landmark. Afterwards, head to a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still made today.

Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses and discover the history of the warriors. Tonight, it's up to you where to dine. Feast on an international buffet at Yi Cafe, or for traditional Chinese cuisine, sit down for a set menu at Tian Xiang Ge. **BLD**

#### Day 06: Xi'an, Chengdu

Today, fly to Chengdu. On arrival, we'll transfer you to your hotel before you have the chance to set out to explore at your own pace. After lunch, visit Jinli Old Street, one of China's oldest commercial streets. Choose where in your hotel you'd like to dine tonight. You might like to sample a range of different dishes with a buffet at the Grand Café, or feast on a Sichuan hotpot at #8 restaurant. **BLD**

Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

#### Day 07: Chengdu

If you're an animal lover, you'll relish a visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. Get up close to these cuddly creatures and learn about their breeding program. This afternoon you're left to your own devices with free time to relax or explore. **BL**

#### Day 08: Chengdu, Shanghai, Wuzhen

After breakfast head to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, where a coach awaits to take you to the ancient water town of Wuzhen. **BD**

Two Nights: Wuzhen, Waterside Resort Hotel.

#### Day 09: Wuzhen

Spend the day exploring the wonders of Wuzhen. Climb into a small boat for a ride along the famous canals. Cross the ancient stone bridges that arch over the canals. See old wooden houses, intricately carved sculptures, and workshops selling silk and pottery. You'll also visit a courtyard and witness traditional cloth dyeing and soy bean paste making. **BLD**

**Day 10: Wuzhen, Shanghai**

Ⓛ Ⓢ After breakfast it's time to head back to Shanghai. You might like to cruise the Huangpu River through the heart of the city and explore Yu Garden. Or take part in a French Concession walking tour. Tonight, witness an acrobatic show. **BL**

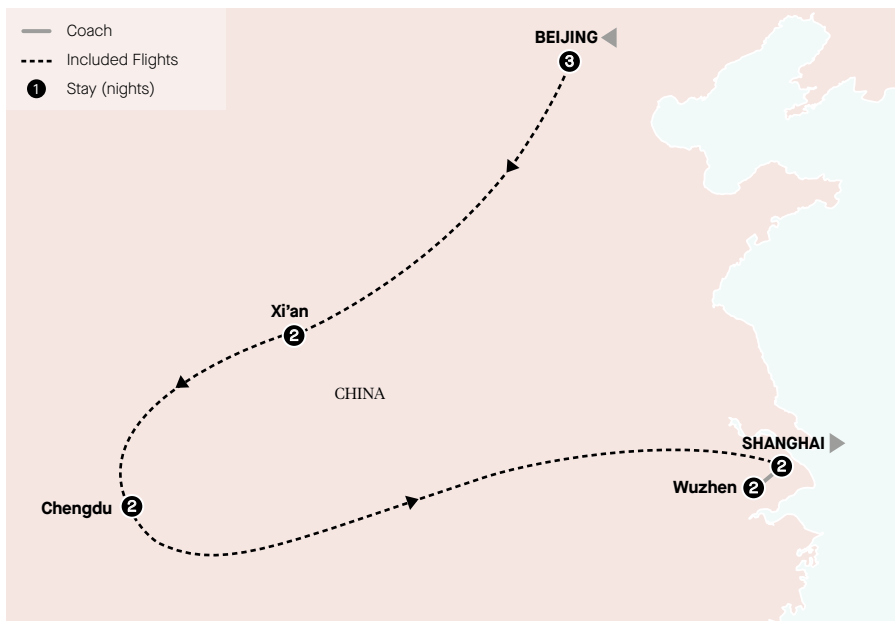
Two Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

**Day 11: Shanghai**

Head down early to Shanghai's waterfront for a Tai Chi lesson. Take an open-top Jeep ride through the city. Later, stop at the Jin Mao Tower and take an elevator to the 88th floor viewing deck. End your day with a farewell dinner shared between your fellow travellers. **BLD**

**Day 12: Depart Shanghai**

Your trip ends after breakfast with a transfer to the airport for your onward flight. **B**



Above Wuzhen

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<b>12 Days Beijing to Shanghai (CHL12)</b>		
August 30; September 13; October 11, 25; November 8	\$9,895	\$12,095

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# Follow the Silk Road to Iconic China

## Guangzhou to Shanghai

A hidden slice of China's history. In addition to the famous historic wonders, like the Great Wall and the Terracotta Army, you'll see a different side to this fascinating country. From Silk Roads to water towns. Deserts to canals. Bazaars to pottery workshops. East to west, cross this vast land on an epic adventure for an all encompassing immersion into China.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 22 days, 21 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey + Classic Journey / **Visit** 10 places

**Go For** Unique Chinese history, Pearl River cruise and traditional cloth dying demonstration

**Below** Crescent Lake, Dunhuang





## Signature Experiences

- ☆ At sunset, take a camel ride across the rippling sands of the Gobi Desert in Dunhuang.
- ☆ Visit the Mogao Buddhist Caves in Dunhuang, which concealed ancient Buddhist murals and scriptures.
- ☆ Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.
- ☆ Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- ☆ Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
- ☆ Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.

### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 01: Arrive Guangzhou

Are you ready to embark on an authentic and exciting adventure across China's Silk Road? Beginning in Guangzhou, we'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome reception.  
Two Nights: Guangzhou, White Swan Hotel.

### Day 02: Guangzhou

Your day is off to an exciting start with a cruise along Pearl River. With a length of more than 2,000 kilometres, Pearl River is China's third longest river. End your cruise at the Guangzhou TV Tower, where you are rewarded with sweeping panoramas of the city. Afterwards, enjoy a dim sum lunch before a stroll along the concession section of Shamian among the European and traditional Cantonese architecture. Dinner is at your hotel. **BLD**

### Day 03: Guangzhou, Kashgar

After breakfast, we transfer you to the airport for your included flight onwards to Kashgar, China's westernmost corner. Kashgar was once the centre of trade along the Silk Road for more than two millennia, and you have the opportunity to delve into the city's history for two nights. Dinner tonight is at your hotel. **BD**  
Two Nights: Kashgar, Radisson Blu Hotel.

### Day 04: Kashgar

For a dose of authentic Kashgar culture, visit the Livestock Market, which has been in operation every Sunday for the last two thousand years. Continue to the Kashgar Sunday Bazaar, a lively marketplace where you can find goods such as vibrant handwoven rugs, silk, semi-precious stones and spices. After time for lunch, visit the Abakh Khoja Tomb, the holiest Muslim site

in the region. Nestled among the poplar trees, this vibrant tomb has often been compared with India's iconic Taj Mahal. Tonight, a folk dance and music show is the perfect end to an exciting day. **BLD**

### Day 05: Kashgar, Ürümqi

The day is spent navigating the narrow alleyways of the Old Town. After breakfast, head to the east city gate to witness the gate opening ceremony. After, wander the streets where the century-old houses of the Old Town stand. You will then visit Id Kah Mosque, the largest in China that can accommodate up to 20,000 worshippers. For lunch, feast on lamb kebabs, the regional dish. This afternoon, fly to Ürümqi. **BL**  
Three Nights: Ürümqi, Grand Mecure Hotel.

### Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
01	Guangzhou	Welcome reception	12	Beijing	Forbidden City
02	Guangzhou	Pearl River cruise	13	Beijing	Great Wall of China
03	Guangzhou, Kashgar	Arrive Silk Road	14	Beijing, Xi'an	Freedom of Choice
04	Kashgar	Visit the Livestock Market	15	Xi'an	Terracotta Army
05	Kashgar, Ürümqi	Kashgar Old Town	16	Xi'an, Chengdu	Jinli Old Street
06	Ürümqi	Heavenly Lake	17	Chengdu	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding
07	Ürümqi	Ürümqi Provincial Museum	18	Chengdu, Shanghai, Wuzhen	Wuzhen water town
08	Ürümqi, Liuyuan, Dunhuang	Train ride across Kunlun Mountain range	19	Wuzhen	Wuzhen explorations
09	Dunhuang	Mogao Buddhist Caves	20	Wuzhen, Shanghai	Acrobatic show
10	Dunhuang, Beijing	Arrive Beijing	21	Shanghai	Convertible Jeep ride
11	Beijing	Beijing explorations	22	Shanghai	Farewell



Above Abakh Khoja Tomb, Kashgar / Right Mogao Buddhist Caves, Dunhuang

#### Day 06: Ürümqi

☞ Head to the city's outskirts, to the alpine region of Tien Shan. Visit Heavenly Lake and take a small boat ride across, admiring the picture-perfect scenery. Get a taste for local life and visit a yurt, a traditional home for the Kazakh people. The choice is up to you where you'd like to go for dinner tonight. **BLD**

#### Day 07: Ürümqi

The capital of the Xinjiang region in the far northwest of China is yours to discover today. Visit the Ürümqi Provincial Museum and see the famous relics. Feast tonight on a lamb hotpot buffet with local entertainment. **BD**

#### Day 08: Ürümqi, Liuyuan, Dunhuang

☞ Hop on a train this morning for the journey through the Kunlun Mountains to Liuyuan. Disembark your train and climb into a coach for the drive to Dunhuang. A highlight for your time here is undoubtedly a camel ride through the desert to the ancient, half-moon oasis of Crescent Spring. You could be forgiven for thinking this tiny slice of paradise is a mirage. Watch as the sun slips below the horizon, capping off a fantastic day in western China. **BLD**

Two Nights: Dunhuang, Silk Road Hotel.

#### Day 09: Dunhuang

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#### Day 10: Dunhuang, Beijing

Say goodbye to the Silk Road and board your flight to China's cosmopolitan capital. How you spend the afternoon is up to you. **BD**

Four Nights: Regent Hotel Beijing.

#### Day 11: Beijing

The silver metropolis of Beijing could not be further from the desert city we have just come from. You have the day to explore the city at your own pace. **B**

#### Day 12: Beijing

☞ Your first full day in Beijing begins with a tour of Tiananmen Square. Then, you'll head to the World Heritage-listed Forbidden City, where you'll visit a private section open just for us. Lunch will be at a local restaurant, before an afternoon at leisure. Tonight, indulge in an authentic Peking duck banquet for dinner. **BLD**

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Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

#### Day 15: Xi'an.

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Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

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### Day 18: Chengdu, Shanghai, Wuzhen

After breakfast head to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, where a coach awaits to take you to the ancient water town of Wuzhen. **BD**

Two Nights: Wuzhen, Waterside Resort Hotel.

### Day 19: Wuzhen

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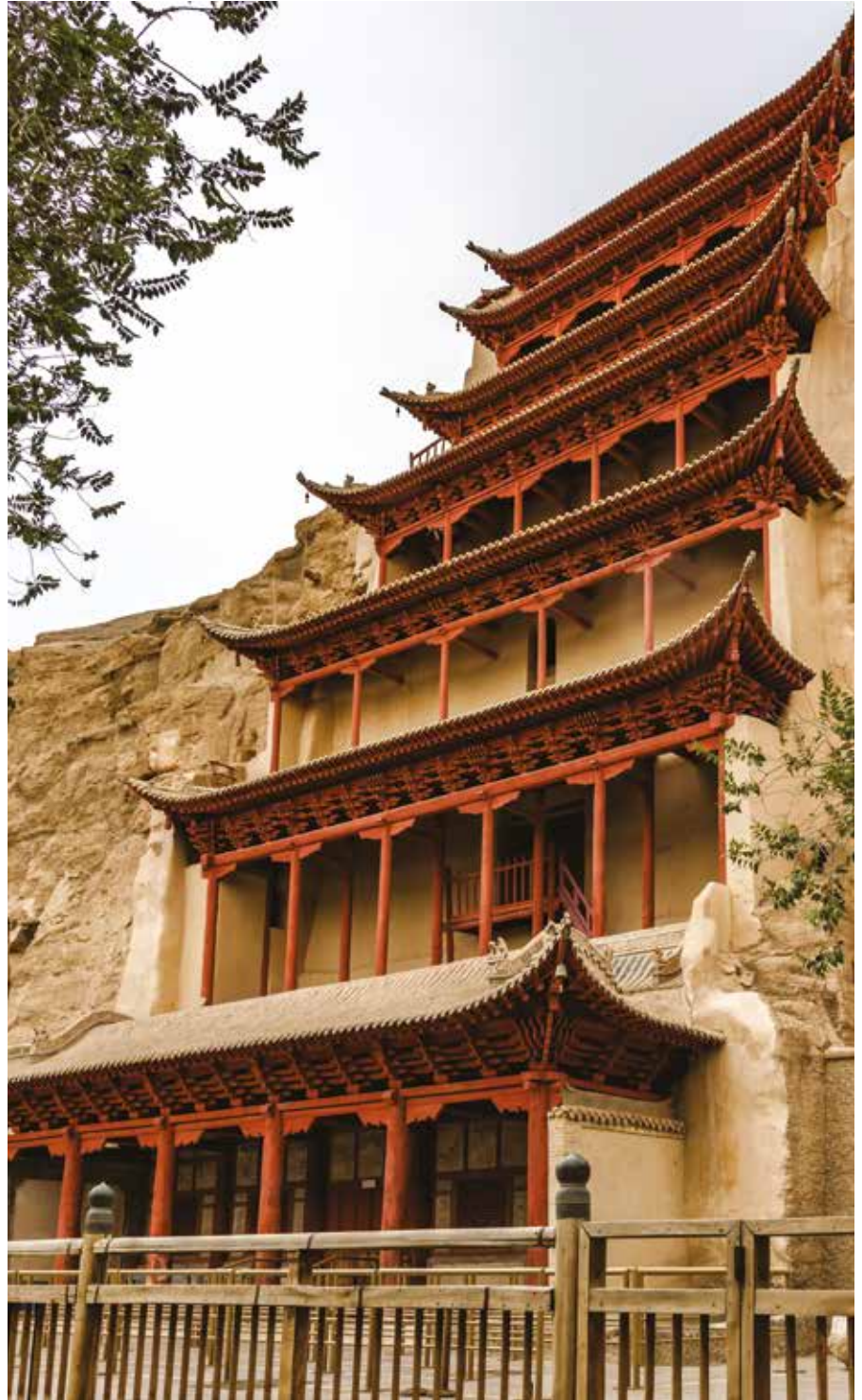
Two Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

### Day 21: Shanghai

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### Day 22: Depart Shanghai

Your trip ends with a transfer to the airport. **B**



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Twin From

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#### 22 Days Guangzhou to Shanghai (CHLS22)

August 20; September 3; October 15

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\$23,195

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Above Kyoto, Japan

# Japan

Sip at a ceremoniously brewed tea. Outside, a geisha wanders down a quiet street, hands clasped in front of her kimono. Discover ancient temples and shrines. Old, landscaped gardens which radiate tranquillity. Meanwhile, the streets of Tokyo are kaleidoscopic. Flashing neon signs. Quirky kawaii fashion. Cutting-edge technological advancements that show no signs of slowing. Japan's wonders lie in its marriage of age-old traditions and modern innovation. Experience it for yourself.

# Best of Japan

## Tokyo to Osaka

Uncover all things quintessentially Japan on this trip. Visit Sensoji temple in Tokyo, board ever-efficient bullet trains across the country. Smile at a geisha in Kanazawa, drink Sake in Nara. Be reminded of the tenacity of the human spirit in Hiroshima.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 13 days, 12 nights / **Travel Style** Classic Journey / **Visit** seven places

**Go For** Sumo wrestlers, samurai and a ramen making workshop

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Tokyo
02	Tokyo
03	Tokyo
04	Tokyo, Hakone
05	Hakone, Kanazawa
06	Kanazawa
07	Kanazawa, Hiroshima
08	Hiroshima
09	Hiroshima, Kyoto
10	Kyoto
11	Nara, Kyoto
12	Kyoto
13	Kyoto, Osaka

### Signature Experiences

- ☆ Encounter a retired sumo wrestler and hear tales about their experiences.
- ☆ Meet with a local geiko (geisha) and maiko (geisha apprentice) for an evening of traditional entertainment.
- ☆ Hear a traditional taiko drum performance with a dinner in Kyoto.

#### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD Breakfast Lunch Dinner

#### Day 01: Arrive Tokyo

Welcome to the Land of the Rising Sun! We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to spend however you like. Tonight, head back to your hotel for a welcome reception.

**Three Nights: InterContinental Tokyo Bay.**

#### Day 02: Tokyo

It's your first full day in Japan. Begin your day with a visit to Meiji Shrine, dedicated to Emperor Meiji. It's then onto the Samurai Museum, where you'll have the chance to learn all about these honour-bound warriors. For some retail therapy and a dose of local culture, head to Ginza, Tokyo's most exclusive shopping mecca. The afternoon is yours at leisure before a welcome dinner. **BD**

#### Day 03: Tokyo

☆ The morning is off to an exciting start with a visit to the Sumo Museum, where you will gain an in-depth insight into Japan's national sport. After, it's time to see a sumo demonstration for yourself. Meet a retired sumo wrestler and hear stories from their heyday. If you're up for it, you might like to try a round of wrestling. After lunch at a local restaurant, head to Asakusa for a wander through old Tokyo before passing Thunder Gate entrance to Sensoji temple. Next stop is the Tokyo Skytree, a television broadcasting tower and the tallest structure in Japan. **BL**

#### Day 04: Tokyo, Hakone

Hakone is a city renowned for its natural beauty, and that's where you're heading. En route, visit Honma Yosegi Museum to admire the Edo-period artisan crafts exhibition. After stopping for lunch, you'll ride the Hakone Ropeway and, if the sky is clear, see Mt Fuji. Cap off your day with a visit to the Hakone Open-Air Museum. **BLD**

**Stay: Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu.**

#### Day 05: Hakone, Kanazawa

Board a bullet train to Kanazawa. On arrival, visit the Kenroku-en Garden, one of Japan's most beautiful landscaped gardens. At the old castle town, a tour includes the Nagamachi Samurai district and the Nomura Samurai House, a traditional Japanese home from the Edo period. Dinner is at a local restaurant. **BD**

**Two Nights: Hotel Nikko Kanazawa.**

#### Day 06: Kanazawa

Ⓜ Head out this morning to explore the Higashi Chaya district, where you may spot some of Kanazawa's geishas. Learn the history of gold leaf art and create your very own set of gold leaf chopsticks. The historic village of Shirakawa-go is your next stop. Take a stroll, admiring the Gassho-zukuri farmhouses. Tonight, choose where to dine. **BLD**

#### Day 07: Kanazawa, Hiroshima

Ⓜ A bullet train takes you to Hiroshima, where, upon arrival, you'll have free time. Tonight, choose where you'd like to go for dinner. **BD**

**Two Nights: Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel.**

#### Day 08: Hiroshima

Spend the morning at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum. Once the political and commercial hub of the city, the park now stands as a sombre reminder of the importance of peace. From here, a brief ferry ride takes you to Miyajima Island, where you'll see the iconic 'Floating Torii Gate'. Drawing visitors from all over the world, the gate gives the illusion of floating atop the water at high tide. **BL**

#### Day 09: Hiroshima, Kyoto

Board the train bound for Kyoto. On arrival, you'll take part in a tea ceremony, dressing in traditional Japanese attire, before strolling through Higashiyama district in the hopes of seeing a geisha. **BD**

**Four Nights: The Thousand Kyoto.**

**Day 10: Kyoto**

🚌🌟 Discover the cultural capital of Japan on a full day tour. Visit Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion), as well as Nijo Castle and its immaculate surrounding gardens. After lunch, the afternoon is yours to shape with your choice of activity. Perhaps take a rickshaw tour through Arashiyama's famous bamboo groves. Or follow Philosopher's path on a walking tour and visit Ginkakuji temple. Tonight, you'll experience the art of conversation and dancing during dinner with genuine geiko (geisha) or maiko (apprentice geisha). **BLD**

**Day 11: Nara, Kyoto**

In the former capital, Nara, visit the iconic Todaiji temple, located within the popular Nara Park. Also coined 'Deer Park' by many, you'll see hundreds of roaming deer who will enthusiastically bow in exchange for treats. Continue on to the Kasuga Taisha shrine, first established in AD768. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to Kyoto and stop by at the Sake Brewery Museum where you'll relish the chance to sample the local brew. Cap off the day with a visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine where you'll receive a Shinto blessing by a priest. **BL**

**Day 12: Kyoto**

🌟 Unleash your inner celebrity chef with a ramen making workshop this morning. When it comes to a delicious bowl of ramen, it's all about the broth, seasoning, noodles and toppings. Have a go mastering the art yourself, and then enjoy your hard work for lunch. The rest of the afternoon is yours to while away however you like. Tonight, a farewell dinner is the perfect way to end to your trip, accompanied by the rhythmic beat of a traditional taiko performance. **BLD**

**Day 13: Kyoto, Depart Osaka**

Your trip comes to an end after breakfast, with a transfer to Osaka airport. **B**



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2020 Dates and Prices (NZ\$)	Twin From	Solo From
<b>13 Days Tokyo to Osaka (JA13)</b>		
May 30; September 26; October 17	\$16,495	\$21,795
April 4	\$17,395	\$23,445

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# Best of Japan & China

## Tokyo to Shanghai

Can't decide between visiting China or Japan? Why choose, when you can visit both? In the Land of the Rising Sun, see the frosty peak of Mt Fuji, take part in a tea ceremony, and learn how to make a steaming bowl of ramen, before zipping over to China to gorge on Peking duck, walk along the Great Wall and cruise across the Yangtze River.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 27 days, 26 nights / **Travel Style** Classic Journey / **Ship** Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** 16 places, two countries  
**Go For** Mt Fuji, meeting a geisha and a Yangtze River cruise

**Below** Sensoji temple, Tokyo



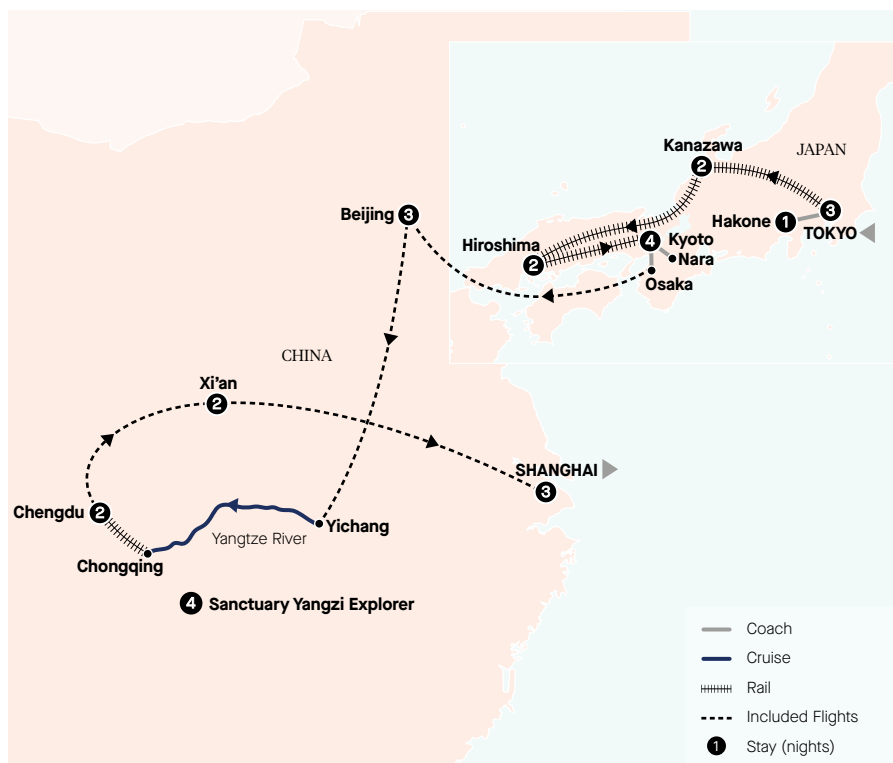


## Signature Experiences

- ☆ Encounter a retired sumo wrestler and hear tales about their experiences.
- ☆ Meet with a local geiko (geisha) and maiko (geisha apprentice) for an evening of traditional entertainment.
- ☆ Hear a traditional taiko drum performance with a dinner in Kyoto.
- ☆ Explore a private section of the Forbidden City, usually closed to the general public.
- ☆ Enjoy a private lunch at the Great Wall of China, complete with free-flowing drinks.
- ☆ Visit the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.
- ☆ Witness a thrilling acrobatic performance in Shanghai.

### Key

- ☆ Signature Experiences
- Ⓜ Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 01: Arrive Tokyo

We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. The rest of the day is yours at leisure. Tonight, enjoy a welcome reception.

Three Nights: InterContinental Tokyo Bay.

### Day 02: Tokyo

It's your first full day in Japan. Begin with a visit to Meiji Shrine. It's then onto the Samurai Museum, where you'll have the chance to learn all about these honour-bound warriors. For some retail therapy and a dose of local culture, head to Ginza, Tokyo's most exclusive shopping mecca. The afternoon is yours at leisure before a welcome dinner. **BD**

### Day 03: Tokyo

☆ Begin your day with a visit to the Sumo Museum. After, see a sumo demonstration and meet a retired sumo wrestler. If you're up for it, you might like to try a round of wrestling. After, head to Asakusa and visit old Tokyo and Sensoji temple. Next is the Tokyo Skytree. **BL**

### Day 04: Tokyo, Hakone

En route to Hakone, visit Honma Yosegi Museum to admire the Edo-period artisan crafts exhibition. After, ride the Hakone Ropeway and, if the sky is clear, see Mt Fuji. Visit the Hakone Open-Air Museum. **BLD**  
Stay: Hakone Kowakien Ten-yu.

### Day 05: Hakone, Kanazawa

Board a bullet train to Kanazawa. On arrival, visit the Kenroku-en Garden, one of Japan's most beautiful landscaped gardens. At the old castle town, a tour includes the Nagamachi Samurai district and the Nomura Samurai House. Dinner is at a local restaurant. **BD**

Two Nights: Hotel Nikko Kanazawa.

### Day 06: Kanazawa

Ⓜ Head out this morning to explore the Higashi Chaya district. Learn the history of gold leaf art and create your very own set of gold leaf chopsticks. The village of Shirakawa-go is next up. Tonight, choose where to dine. **BLD**

## Trip Overview

Day	Destination	Included Highlight	Day	Destination	Included Highlight
01	Tokyo – Japan	Welcome reception	16	Beijing, Yichang – China	Yangtze River cruise
02	Tokyo – Japan	Tokyo explorations	17	Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge – China	Three Gorges Project
03	Tokyo – Japan	Meet a sumo wrestler	18	Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Gutang Gorge – China	Local village visit
04	Tokyo, Hakone – Japan	Hakone Open-Air Museum	19	Fuling – China	816 Underground Project
05	Tokyo, Kanazawa – Japan	Kenroku-en garden	20	Chongqing, Chengdu – China	Jinli Old Street
06	Kanazawa – Japan	Freedom of Choice	21	Chengdu – China	Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding
07	Kanazawa, Hiroshima – Japan	Freedom of Choice	22	Chengdu, Xi'an – China	Xi'an city tour
08	Hiroshima – Japan	Miyajima Island	23	Xi'an – China	Terracotta Army
09	Hiroshima, Kyoto – Japan	Tea ceremony	24	Xi'an, Shanghai – China	Freedom of Choice
10	Kyoto – Japan	Dinner with a geisha	25	Shanghai – China	Acrobatic show
11	Nara, Kyoto – Japan	Todajji temple	26	Shanghai – China	Freedom of Choice
12	Kyoto – Japan	Ramen making workshop	27	Shanghai – China	Farewell
13	Kyoto, Osaka – Japan, Beijing – China	Arrive in Beijing			
14	Beijing – China	Forbidden City			
15	Beijing – China	Great Wall of China			



Above Peace Memorial Park, Hiroshima

#### Day 07: Kanazawa, Hiroshima

Ⓜ A bullet train takes you to Hiroshima, where, upon arrival, you'll have free time. Tonight, choose where you'd like to go for dinner. **BD**

Two Nights: Sheraton Grand Hiroshima Hotel.

#### Day 08: Hiroshima

Visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum. From here, a ferry takes you to Miyajima Island, where you'll see the 'Floating Torii Gate'. **BL**

#### Day 09: Hiroshima, Kyoto

Board the train to Kyoto. You'll take part in a tea ceremony on arrival before strolling through the Gion area. **BD**

Four Nights: The Thousand Kyoto.

#### Day 10: Kyoto

Ⓜ Ⓡ Discover Kyoto on a full day tour. Visit Kinkakuji (the Golden Pavilion), Nijo Castle and its gardens. After lunch, choose your activity. Tonight, dine with a geiko or maiko. **BLD**

#### Day 11: Nara, Kyoto

Visit Todaiji temple and the Kasuga Taisha shrine. After lunch at a local restaurant, return to Kyoto and stop by at the Sake Brewery Museum to sample the local brew. Visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine for a Shinto blessing. **BL**

#### Day 12: Kyoto

Ⓡ Start your day with a ramen making workshop to master the local dish. Tonight, watch a traditional taiko performance. **BLD**

#### Day 13: Kyoto, Osaka, Beijing

A new day, a new country. We'll meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. After settling in, you'll have plenty of time to relax. **B**

Three Nights: Regent Hotel Beijing.

#### Day 14: Beijing

Ⓡ Tour Tiananmen Square and visit a private section of the Forbidden City. The afternoon is at leisure before an evening indulging at an authentic Peking duck banquet. **BLD**

#### Day 15: Beijing, Great Wall of China

Ⓡ Ⓜ At the Great Wall of China, feast on a private lunch with free-flowing drinks. Tonight, choose your activity. **BL**

#### Day 16: Beijing, Yichang, Embark Cruise

Ⓜ Choose your sightseeing. En route to the airport, explore the modern 798 Art Zone. Fly to Yichang. On arrival, transfer to your ship. **BLD**

Four Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

#### Day 17: Three Gorges Dam, Xiling Gorge

Discover the scenery of the Three Gorges region. At the Three Gorges Dam, take a tour of the Three Gorges Project and exhibition. Back on board, pass through Xiling Gorge. Toast the journey with a captain's welcome reception and a special welcome dinner. **BLD**

#### Day 18: Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge

At Badong, a ferry takes you to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). Sneak a glimpse of rural Chinese life. Continue to Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge. **BLD**

#### Day 19: Fuling

Drop anchor at Fuling. Here, visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site in the mountains. Shape your afternoon with a choice of activity. Tonight, the Emperor's farewell dinner includes a Chinese banquet feast. **BLD**

#### Day 20: Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Chengdu

Ⓜ Disembark and board your high speed train to Chengdu. Upon arrival, stroll along the Jinli Old Street. Tonight, choose where to dine. **BLD**  
Two Nights: Chengdu, Grand Hyatt Hotel.

### Day 21: Chengdu

✪ Start your day with a visit to the famed Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. The rest of the afternoon is free for you to spend how you wish. **BL**

### Day 22: Chengdu, Xi'an

✪ After breakfast, head to the airport for your flight to Xi'an. This afternoon, join a city tour. Visit the ancient city wall, constructed in the 14th century during the early Ming Dynasty. Tonight, stroll through the market stalls of the Muslim Quarter, sampling authentic street food. Or, dine on dumplings before a Tang Dynasty performance. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Day 23: Xi'an, Terracotta Army

✪ Today you will explore one of the oldest cities in China. Head to a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still being made. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses and the Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum. For dinner, choose from a range of restaurant options. **BLD**

### Day 24: Xi'an, Shanghai

✪ Today, fly to Shanghai. On arrival, jump on the high-speed Maglev train which travels at an exhilarating 300 kilometres per hour. Tonight, choose from three restaurants for dinner. **BD**

Three Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

### Day 25: Shanghai

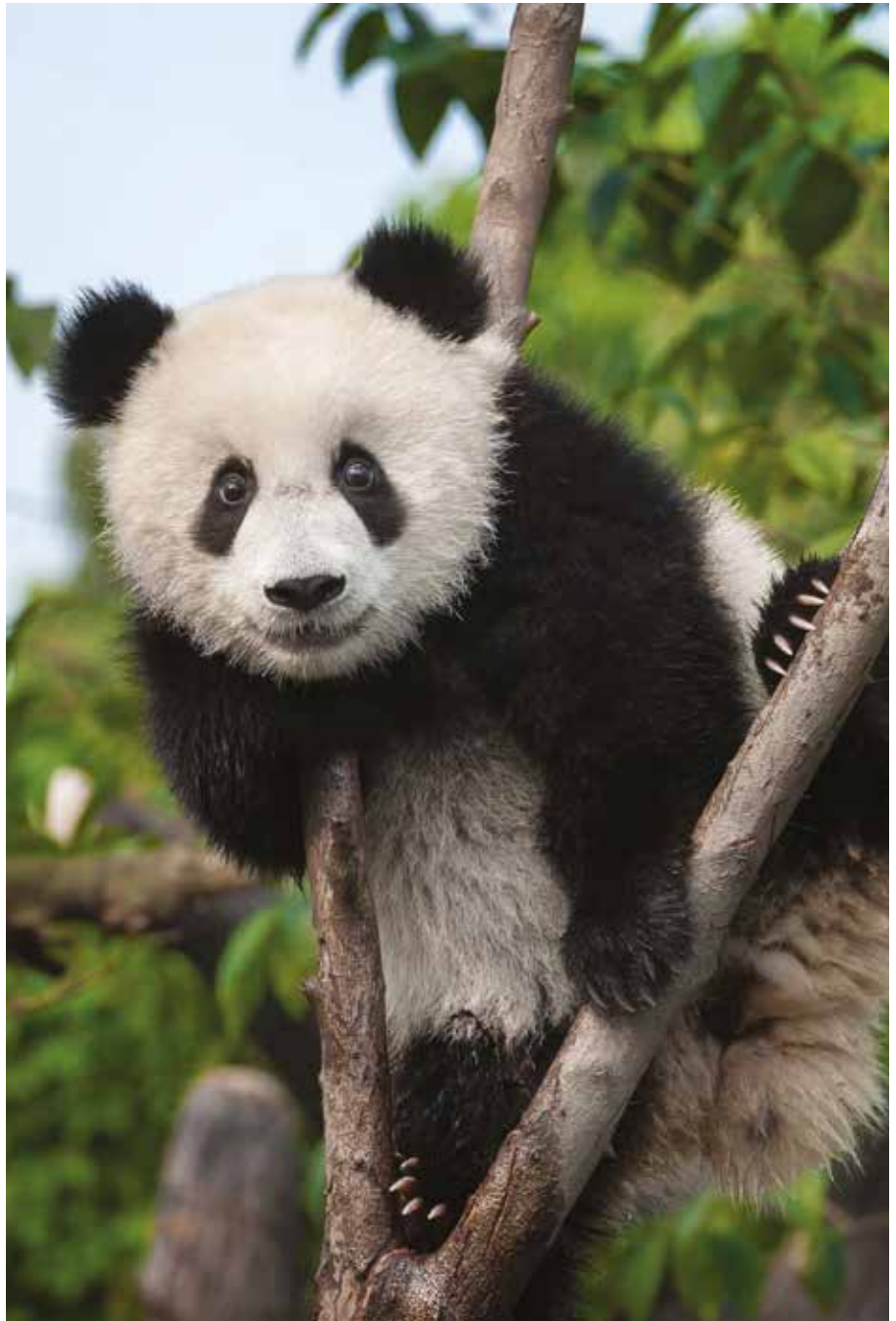
✪ This morning, head down to Shanghai's waterfront for a Tai Chi lesson taught by a master. Veer off the beaten path and discover a new side to Shanghai with a vintage convertible Jeep ride. Later, stop at the Jin Mao Tower and take an elevator to the 88th floor viewing deck. Tonight, watch an acrobatic show. **BL**

### Day 26: Shanghai

✪ Craft your day with a choice from three experiences. A special farewell dinner is the perfect way to end your trip. **BLD**

### Day 27: Depart Shanghai

Your journey draws to an end. We'll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight home. **B**



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<b>27 Days Tokyo to Shanghai (JAC27)</b>			
May 30	Private Balcony Suite	\$26,395	\$33,995
	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$27,770	\$35,370
April 4; September 26; October 17	Private Balcony Suite	\$28,375	\$37,175
	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$29,975	\$38,775

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# Japan Coastal Discovery

## Tokyo to Osaka

On this journey, you'll experience the buzz of the big cities but also the traditions entrenched in secluded coastal villages and outlying islands. From World Heritage-listed temples to Zen gardens and national parks, discover a slightly more wild side of Japan that few travellers touch on. You'll also dip into South Korea to experience yet another exciting culture of the region.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 14 days, 13 nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Expedition Cruising / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky / **Visit** 15 places, two countries  
**Go For** Oki Islands, castles and temples

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Tokyo – Japan
02	Tokyo, Niigata – Japan
03	Sado Island – Japan
04	Kanazawa – Japan
05	Oki Islands – Japan
06	Matsue – Japan
07	Hagi – Japan
08	Masan, Haeinsa – South Korea
09	Ulsan, Gyeongju – South Korea
10	Ube – Japan
11	Miyajima, Hiroshima – Japan
12	Uno-Ko – Japan
13	Himeji – Japan
14	Kobe, Osaka – Japan

### Signature Experiences

- ✪ Listen to the rhythmic beat of taiko drums from a world-famous Kodo group during your time on Sado Island.
- ✪ Discover World Heritage-listed Gyeongju, on South Korea's southern shores.
- ✪ Visit one of South Korea's three great temples, Haeinsa Temple.

#### Key

- ✪ Signature Experience
- 🕒 Freedom of Choice
- 🌙 Evening Departure / Overnight
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

#### Day 01: Arrive Tokyo

We meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel. There's time to step out to explore some of the city.

Stay: Conrad Tokyo or similar.

#### Day 02: Tokyo, Niigata, Embark Ship

Enjoy a real taste of Tokyo today as you head into the bustling Shibuya district, home to two of the world's busiest railway stations. While lively crowds are all part of the experience here, you'll find a restful haven at Meiji Shrine, which is surrounded by forest. Also visit Tokyo's oldest temple, Sensoji, located in the Asakusa district, and the Imperial Palace Plaza among other key sights. Then, farewell the neon-lit city as you board a bullet train and race towards Niigata. Here, your ship is waiting with drinks and dinner to welcome you aboard. **BLD**

12 Nights: MS Caledonian Sky.

#### Day 03: Sado Island

✪ Worlds away from Tokyo's skyscrapers, Sado Island is remote and quiet, offering a much needed breath of fresh air. Aside from the temples and fishing villages, the island is best-known for the world-famous Kodo group of taiko drummers, which you'll experience today during a live performance. Onwards, see the traditional Edo-period homes in the village of Shukunegi and ride in the traditional tarai-bune boats used for abalone fishing. **BLD**

#### Day 04: Kanazawa

Today, taste your way through 'Kanazawa's Kitchen', the city's beloved Omicho Market. After lunch back on board, head out and see if you can spot geisha as you take a walk through the Higashi Chaya Gai area. Just two original geisha teahouses remain here today, the others have been converted into restaurants or souvenir shops. You'll also have the chance to visit Kenroku-en Garden and Kanazawa Castle. **BLD**

#### Day 05: Oki Islands

🕒 When you think of Japan, it's somewhat hard to picture anything but busy streets and bullet trains, but the Oki Islands couldn't be further from this. The spectacular archipelago is classed as a UNESCO Global Geopark, with rugged coastlines, ancient forests and beautiful beaches. From your base at Nishinoshima, opt to cliff walk along the coast, or explore the island on a panoramic tour. **BLD**

#### Day 06: Matsue

🕒 Back on the mainland, Matsue is the next stop. Explore the castle and its grounds and watch a samurai performance, then cruise along the castle's moat. Or, head to the town of Daisen for a hike through the forests around Mt Daisen. Reconvene in the afternoon for a visit to Yuushien Garden, the region's largest Japanese-style garden. **BLD**

#### Day 07: Hagi

Your ship arrives in Hagi this morning. Step off for a tour. See ancient temples and samurai homes. Walk through streets lined with merchant houses to the ruins of Hagi Castle in Shizuki Park. Head back on board for lunch before free time this afternoon. **BLD**

#### Day 08: Masan, Haeinsa

✪ 🌙 Wake up to South Korean shores. You'll experience an entirely new culture today in Masan, from where you'll travel to the Haeinsa Temple. One of the country's three great temples, here you'll learn about ancient Buddhist traditions that date all the way back to AD802. Enjoy more typical Korean cuisine over lunch before a wander through the lively fish market back at Masan. **BLD**

#### Day 09: Ulsan, Gyeongju

✪ 🌙 Discover the World Heritage-listed city of Gyeongju. Try typical Korean fare over lunch and watch a traditional dance performance. The afternoon is yours to explore. **BLD**

**Day 10: Ube**

From the port of Ube, your first stop today is the five-storied Pagoda of Rurikoji Temple. As you wander through the surrounding park, you'll wonder how this magnificent structure has stood the test of time since 1442. Later, at the Fujigochi Tea Plantation, you'll see where the local Ono Tea is produced. The rolling green countryside is indeed a beautiful sight in itself. **BLD**

**Day 11: Miyajima, Hiroshima**

🚢 Spend the first half of your day on Miyajima Island, famous for its 'Floating Torii Gate' and deer that roam along the shoreline nibbling crackers from tourists. It's then on to Hiroshima. It's impossible to visit Hiroshima without visiting the Peace Memorial Park. See the cenotaph, and the A-Bomb Dome before entering the museum. If you'd rather stretch your legs, choose to hike up to Sandankyo Gorge. **BLD**

**Day 12: Uno-Ko**

🌀 Little compares to the serenity of a classic Japanese garden, and Koraku-en is ranked among Japan's top three best. Wander along the trails, leading you past ponds, cherry trees and plum trees. At the tea garden, sample matcha green tea, a specialty of the region. Continue to Kurashiki and explore the old merchant quarter and canals. Finish the day at the Ohara Museum of Art, where you'll view rare works by Matisse, Picasso and Renoir. **BLD**

**Day 13: Himeji**

Venture inside the walls of World Heritage-listed Himeji Castle, one of the few remaining feudal-era fortresses. Later, at the Koko-en Japanese garden, stroll across bridges arching over koi-filled ponds. After lunch back aboard your ship, enjoy a free afternoon to relax or explore a little more. **BLD**

**Day 14: Kobe, Disembark Ship, Osaka**

Awaking in Kobe this morning means it's time to say goodbye to your ship. You'll be transferred to the airport at Osaka where the journey comes to an end. **B**

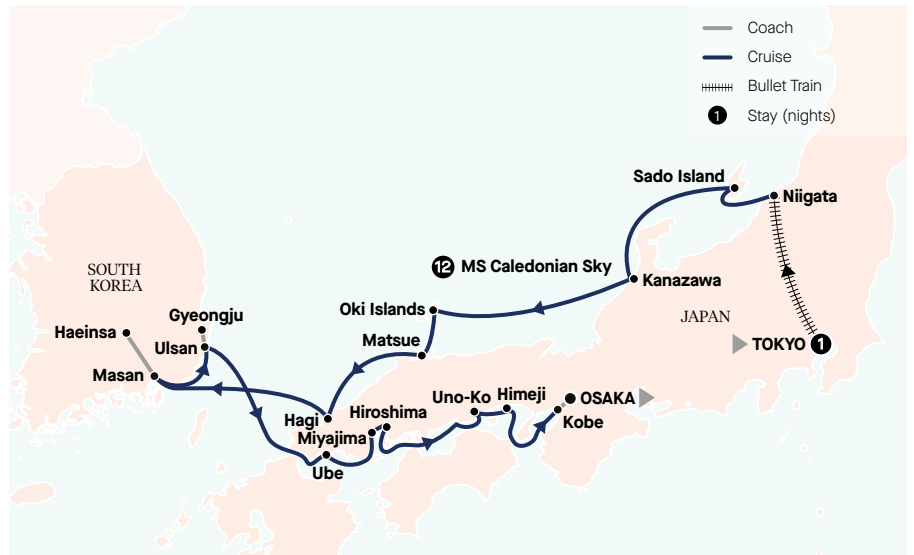
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Above Taiko drumming, Sado Island

Trip from **\$18,495** per person twin share

2020 Date and Prices (NZ\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
<b>14 Days Tokyo to Osaka (NOBCTK14)</b>			
April 27	Porthole Suite	\$18,495	\$26,995
	Window Suite	\$19,495	\$28,495
	Balcony Suite	\$22,445	\$32,945
	Owner's Suite	\$25,095	\$40,195

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# Japan Coastal Discovery with Tokyo & Hokkaido

## Tokyo to Osaka

Adding to our popular expedition cruise along Japan's coast, this journey also includes an extended three-night discovery of Tokyo and four nights in Hokkaido, the country's northernmost island. You'll have plenty of time to get to know Japan's most famous city intimately, including a trip out to Mt Fuji, before heading up north to Hakodate and Sapporo.




### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 20 days, 19 nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Expedition Cruising + Classic Journey / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky  
**Visit** 19 places, two countries / **Go For** Mt Fuji, sushi making and Sapporo





#### Trip Overview

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07	Otaru, Sapporo – Japan
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17	Miyajima, Hiroshima – Japan
18	Uno-Ko – Japan
19	Himeji – Japan
20	Kobe, Osaka – Japan

#### Key

-  Signature Experience
-  Freedom of Choice
-  Evening Departure / Overnight
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner


### Signature Experiences

-  Make sushi with a chef in Tokyo.
-  See a taiko drum show on Sado Island.
-  Discover World Heritage-listed Gyeongju, on South Korea's southern shores.
-  Visit one of South Korea's three great temples, Haeinsa Temple.

#### Day 01: Arrive Tokyo

We meet and transfer you to your hotel. There's time to head out on your own before dinner. **D**  
**Three Nights: Conrad Tokyo or similar.**

#### Day 02: Tokyo

 Visit Meiji Shrine, Sensoji Temple and the Imperial Palace Plaza. Later, learn the art of sushi making during a lesson with a chef. There are three types to make, which you'll then eat for lunch. Enjoy free time afterwards. **BL**

#### Day 03: Tokyo, Hakone

Spend most of the day out of the city in Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, home to the instantly recognisable Mt Fuji. On the way to Hakone, stop in at Honma Yosegi Museum. The journey then takes you along the Hakone Skyline road to the Hakone Open-Air Museum. On a clear day, you might see Mt Fuji along the way. **BL**

#### Day 04: Tokyo, Hakodate

Make the trip north to Hakodate aboard a bullet train. After arriving, head straight for Fort Goryokaku, then ascend the ropeway to the top of Mt Hakodate. The views of the city while the sun is setting are not to be missed. **B**  
**Stay: La Vista Hakodate Bay or similar.**

#### Day 05: Hakodate, Sapporo

Visit volcanic Lake Toya in Shikotsu-Toya National Park and look for the steady trail of white smoke from Mt Usu. Enjoy the local cuisine before travelling to Sapporo. **BL**

**Three Nights: JR Tower Hotel Nikko Sapporo or similar.**

#### Day 06: Sapporo

Get to know Sapporo, taking in the Clock Tower, Hokkaido Shrine and more. After lunch, you'll appreciate a visit to the Sapporo Beer Museum, which includes tastings. **BL**


#### Day 07: Otaru, Sapporo

Travel to Otaru where you'll take a guided tour of the canal area. Visit a whisky distillery, before returning to Sapporo for the night. **BL**

#### Day 08: Sapporo, Niigata, Embark Ship

Fly to Niigata, where your ship is waiting with drinks and dinner to welcome you aboard. **BD**  
**12 Nights: MS Caledonian Sky.**


#### Day 09: Sado Island

 Experience a live taiko drum performance. See the Edo-period homes in the village of Shukunegi and ride in the tarai-bune boats used for abalone fishing. **BLD**

#### Day 10: Kanazawa

Taste your way through Omicho Ichiba Market before visiting Kenroku-en Gardens. After lunch, see if you can spot geisha as you take a walk through the Higashi Chaya Gai area. **BLD**

#### Day 11: Oki Islands

 The Oki Islands are blessed with rugged coastlines and ancient forests. From Nishinoshima, the day is yours to explore. **BLD**

**Day 12: Matsue**

🏯 Matsue is the next stop. Explore the castle and its grounds, watch a samurai performance and cruise along the castle's moat. Or, head to the town of Daisen for a hike through the forests around Mt Daisen. Reconvene in the afternoon for a visit to Yuushien Garden. **BLD**

**Day 13: Hagi**

Arrive in Hagi in time for a tour. Walk through streets lined with merchant houses to the ruins of Hagi Castle in Shizuki Park. **BLD**

**Day 14: Masan, Haeinsa**

🌟🌙 Wake up to South Korean shores. You'll experience an entirely new culture today in Masan, from where you'll travel to the Haeinsa Temple, one of the country's three great temples. Back at Masan, wander through the lively fish market. **BLD**

**Day 15: Ulsan, Gyeongju**

🌟🌙 Another day in South Korea brings you to the city of Gyeongju. Try typical South Korean fare over lunch and watch a traditional dance performance. **BLD**

**Day 16: Ube**

From Ube, your first stop is the five-storied Pagoda of Rurikoji Temple. Later, at the Fujigochi Tea Plantation, see where the local Ono Tea is produced. **BLD**

**Day 17: Miyajima, Hiroshima**

🏯 You'll spend the first half of the day on Miyajima Island. It's then onto Hiroshima where you may choose to visit the Peace Memorial Park or hike up to Sandankyo Gorge. **BLD**

**Day 18: Uno-Ko**

🌙 Visit the tea garden of Koraku-en and try matcha green tea. Continue to Kurashiki and explore the old merchant quarter and canals. Finish the day at the Ohara Museum of Art. **BLD**

**Day 19: Himeji**

Venture inside the walls of World Heritage-listed Himeji Castle. Later, at the Koko-en Japanese garden, stroll across bridges arching over koi-filled ponds. **BLD**

**Day 20: Kobe, Disembark Ship, Osaka**

At Kobe, you'll be transferred to Osaka airport where the journey comes to an end. **B**

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Above Mt Fuji, Hakone

Trip from **\$29,945** per person twin share

2020 Date and Prices (NZ\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
<b>20 Days Tokyo to Osaka (NOBCTK20)</b>			
April 21	Porthole Suite	\$29,945	\$43,695
	Window Suite	\$30,945	\$45,195
	Balcony Suite	\$33,895	\$49,645
	Owner's Suite	\$36,545	\$56,895

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# Chinese Gardens, History & Culture

## Shanghai to Beijing

Rock gardens, reflection pools and zigzag bridges. A boat ride across the canals of an ancient water town. A cruise along the winding Yangtze River. A wander across Imperial gardens and palaces. On this trip, gain a holistic understanding of glorious China through its fascinating traditional gardens.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 14 days, 13 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey / **Ship** Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** eight places

**Go For** Humble Administrator's Garden, Terracotta Warriors, the Great Wall of China and the ancient water town of Jinxi

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Shanghai
02	Shanghai, Yu Garden
03	Shanghai, Jinxi, Suzhou
04	Suzhou, Humble Administrator's Garden
05	Yichang
06	Xiling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam
07	Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge
08	Fuling
09	Chongqing, Xi'an
10	Xi'an
11	Xi'an, Beijing
12	Beijing
13	Beijing
14	Beijing

#### Day 01: Arrive Shanghai

Welcome to Shanghai! We'll meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel. Tonight, get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner. **D**

Two Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

#### Day 02: Shanghai, Yu Garden

We waste no time in sharing China's treasures. Your first full day begins with a cruise along the Huangpu River before exploring Yu Garden. Here you'll see elaborate pavilions, clay sculptures and rock gardens. For lunch, bamboo baskets of dim sum tempt you to eat your weight's worth. You're in luck with premium seating tonight at an acrobatic show. **BLD**

#### Day 03: Shanghai, Jinxi, Suzhou

Travel to the ancient water town of Jinxi and enjoy a boat ride along the town's many waterways. You may notice the 36 bridges which arch over the canals, built throughout the Ming and Qing dynasties. Continue to Suzhou, a town of water canals, burning lanterns and classical gardens. **BLD**

Two Nights: Suzhou, Hyatt Regency.

#### Day 04: Suzhou, Humble Administrator's Garden

Visit the World Heritage-listed Humble Administrator's Garden today. Cross ornate bridges, pass by fragrant lotus pools and Bonsai gardens. Tonight we visit the Night Garden of Fisherman's Net. The garden is aglow with hundreds of lanterns, and performers wear local dress while traditional Suzhou music fills the air. **BLD**

#### Day 05: Suzhou, Yichang, Embark Cruise.

Today, head to Tiger Hill to see the Azalea Flower Show and Wanjing Villa. Fly to Yichang where the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer awaits for your cruise along the Yangtze River. **BLD**

Four Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.


#### Day 06: Xiling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam

Draw back the curtains this morning to the spectacular scenery of the Three Gorges region. At the Three Gorges Dam, take a tour of the Three Gorges Project and exhibition. Once you're back on board, pass through Xiling Gorge, cruising through Yellow Ox Gorge and under Huangling Temple. **BLD**

#### Day 07: Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge

Transfer by ferry to a traditional Chinese sampan (longboat). As you paddle down the river, take in the rich surrounding forest and towering rock formations. After lunch back on board, continue to Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge, surrounded by sheer mountain peaks, and white chalk cliff faces. Look for the ancient inscriptions engraved here, dating back over 1,000 years to the Song dynasty. **BLD**

#### Day 08: Fuling

 Drop anchor at Fuling, a sleepy town along the Yangtze. The afternoon is yours to shape. You may choose to visit the 816 Underground Project, an old nuclear site hidden in the mountains. Or, opt to visit the White Crane Ridge Underwater Project, journeying 40 metres below the surface of the Yangtze where you will see rock carvings recording the water levels over the course of a thousand years. **BLD**

#### Day 09: Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Xi'an

Farewell the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer in Chongqing this morning. Animal lovers will delight in a visit to the Chongqing Zoo, where cuddly giant pandas await. Well loved, giant pandas have been kept in zoos across China since the early Han Dynasty – over 2,000 years ago. Later, you'll fly to Xi'an. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

#### Key

 Freedom of Choice

**BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### Day 10: Xi'an

Today, explore one of the oldest cities in China. Visit the ancient city wall, constructed in the 14th century during the early Ming Dynasty. Afterwards, head to a clay factory where terracotta soldiers are still being made today. **BLD**

### Day 11: Xi'an, Beijing

Fly this morning to China's sprawling capital, Beijing. There's so much to see and do. Your afternoon in Beijing begins with a tour of Tiananmen Square, the world's largest city square. You'll then head to the World Heritage-listed Forbidden City. **BLD**

Three Nights: Beijing, Regent Hotel.

### Day 12: Beijing, Great Wall of China

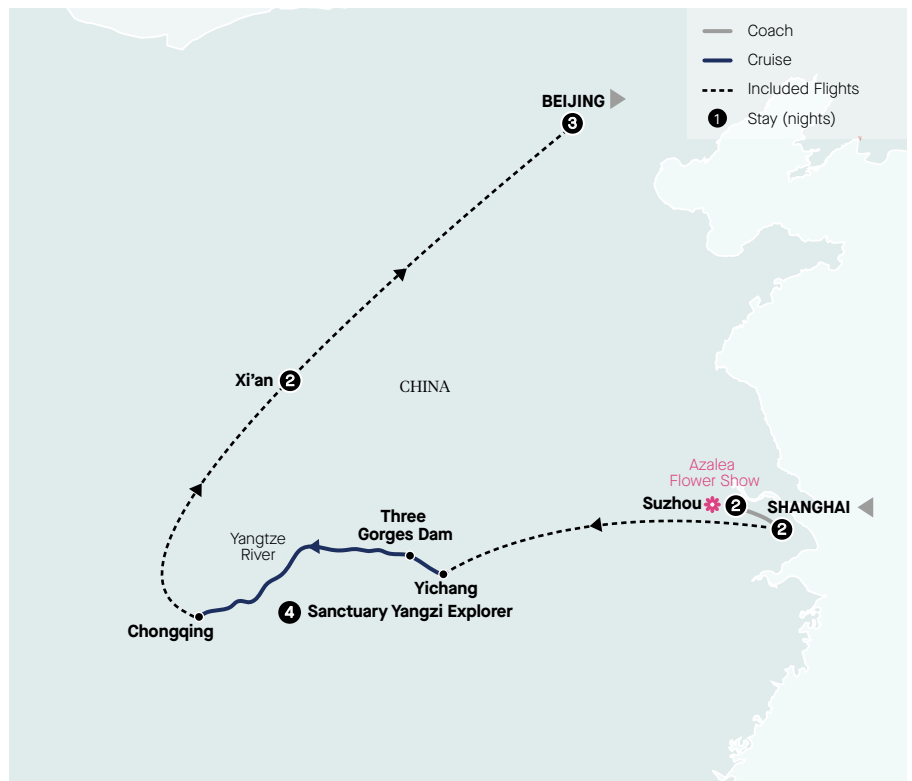
Today, you will make your way to the Great Wall of China. Visit one of the best-preserved sections of the wall, the Mutianyu section. To preserve your energy, board a cable car to the top of the wall and enjoy sweeping views. **BL**

### Day 13: Beijing

Visit the Imperial Garden in the Summer Palace, said to be the best-preserved garden in the world. There is a strong focus here on harmony. Harmony between water and land, architecture and nature, heaven and earth. Tonight, a farewell dinner is a Peking duck feast, the perfect end to your trip. **BLD**

### Day 14: Depart Beijing

This morning after breakfast our trip comes to an end. We'll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. **B**



Above Traditional garden in Suzhou

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2020 Date and Prices (NZ\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
<b>14 Days Shanghai to Beijing (BTCN14)</b>			
April 8	Deluxe Balcony Suite	\$9,645	\$12,595

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# Cherry Blossoms, Culture & Sights of Japan Cruise

Osaka to Tokyo

Enjoy bursts of colour from magnificent cherry blossom trees in full bloom, ancient castles and their adjoining gardens and traditional Japanese teahouses as you venture along Japan's coast, with a stop in South Korea along the way.

## Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 12 days, 11 nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Botanica Cruising / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky / **Visit** 13 places, two countries

**Go For** Cherry blossoms in bloom, Japanese culture and the famed Kenroku-en Garden

### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Osaka, Kyoto – Japan
02	Okayama, Koraku-en Garden, Kurashiki – Japan
03	Takamatsu, Ritsurin Park – Japan
04	Hiroshima, Miyajima Island – Japan
05	Uwajima – Japan
06	Nagasaki, Dejima Island – Japan
07	Ulsan – South Korea
08	Hagi – Japan
09	Matsue, Yuushien Garden – Japan
10	Kanazawa, Kenroku-en Garden – Japan
11	Kanazawa, Tokyo – Japan
12	Tokyo – Japan

### Day 01: Arrive Osaka, Kyoto

We'll meet you on arrival at Osaka Kansai International Airport or the Imperial Hotel Osaka depending on your travel arrangements. We waste no time in showing you Kyoto, beginning with a famous temples, Ginkaku-ji. At the Philosopher's Walk, the display of cherry blossoms are breathtaking. After lunch, travel to Kobe and meet your ship, where a special dinner will soon be served. **LD**

10 Nights: MS Caledonian Sky.

### Day 02: Okayama, Koraku-en Garden, Kurashiki

Your first port of call is Okayama, from where you'll head off to explore Koraku-en Garden. While you're here, pay a visit to the classic Japanese teahouse with fantastic garden views. After lunch at a nearby restaurant, continue to Kurashiki, famed for its old merchant quarter and 17th-century wooden warehouses. The beautiful houses are painted white with traditional black tiles, and stand along a canal lined with weeping willows. **BLD**


### Day 03: Takamatsu, Ritsurin Park

Arrive at the city of Takamatsu on Shikoku, the smallest of Japan's four main islands. Journey over the Seto-Ohashi Bridge and head for the Kinashi Bonsai village. Next up is Ritsurin Park, a 350-year-old garden, famous for its magnificent spring colours and Chrysanthemum Moon pavilion. **BLD**

### Day 04: Hiroshima, Miyajima Island

Arrive in Hiroshima to visit the Peace Memorial Park. The park is dotted with memorials, including the cenotaph that contains the names of all the known victims of the A-bomb. Continue on to Miyajima Island to see the 'Floating Torii Gate'\*. Go ashore to explore the World Heritage-listed Itsukushima Jinja Shrine, founded in the sixth century. **BLD**

### Day 05: Uwajima

 Arrive in Uwajima, located deep inside the saw-toothed coast of Uwajima Bay. Today you have two choices in the nation's largest pearl cultivation centre. Perhaps learn all about the region's pearl industry on a visit to a pearl farm before continuing on to Tensha-en Garden, a typical example of Japanese garden style in the Samurai era. Or, explore Uwajima Castle and Tensha-en Garden. **BLD**

### Day 06: Nagasaki, Dejima Island

Arrive at Nagasaki, the second city destroyed by an A-bomb in World War II. Tour the Peace Memorial Park, Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Garden. Continue to Dejima Island, built during the Edo period to accommodate Portuguese Christian missionaries and prevent the propagation of their religion. **BLD**

### Day 07: Ulsan

From the South Korean port of Ulsan, set out for Gyeongju, a World Heritage-listed site. As the ancient capital of the Shilla Dynasty, Gyeongju's heritage dates back to the first millennium. After strolling through some of the many excavated monuments, temples, tombs and pagodas, there's time to explore the National Museum. At lunch, Korean delicacies are accompanied by a cultural performance. **BLD**

### Day 08: Hagi

Japan's revolution began in Jokamachi's old Samurai residential quarter, it's here you have the chance to tour a Samurai's home. Also visit the Daisho Temple, the resting place of the two first Mori daimyo, powerful pre-modern lords. This traditional temple is located on Mt Mison. Inside you will find a flame that is said to have been burning for 1,200 years. There's also some time to explore Hagi itself. Wander along the old streets and see the Hagi Castle ruins, Shizuki Park and the Tokoji Temple. **BLD**

### Key

 Freedom of Choice

**BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

### Day 09: Matsue, Yuushien Garden

Known as the 'Town of Water', Matsue is located on the shores of a scenic lake and a large lagoon. Here, you'll visit a number of the main attractions including Matsue Castle. Known as the 'Black Castle', it is one of only a few wooden medieval castles that remain in Japan today. Admire the structure's complexity from the outside, as it stands gracefully, watching over the city, and take the opportunity to explore the interior, which offers magnificent views of Lake Shinji. This afternoon, head for Yuushien Garden, a traditional flower garden full of colour and blossom, famous for ginseng and peonies. **BLD**

### Day 10: Kanazawa, Kenroku-en Garden

Kanazawa is a thriving centre of the arts, known for its lacquerware, collectable pottery of the Kutani style, gold-leaf workmanship and delicate hand-painting of silk for kimonos and Noh theatre dramas. The winding cobblestone streets have a quaint charm. Around each bend is a traditional house, museum, art gallery, craft shop, Samurai residence or even a geisha house to explore. The open-air market sells a variety of goods from flowers to fish and local handicrafts. Next, visit the Kanazawa Castle ruins, one of Japan's highlights, and the famed Kenroku-en Garden, ranked among the country's top gardens. **BLD**

### Day 11: Kanazawa, Disembark Ship, Tokyo

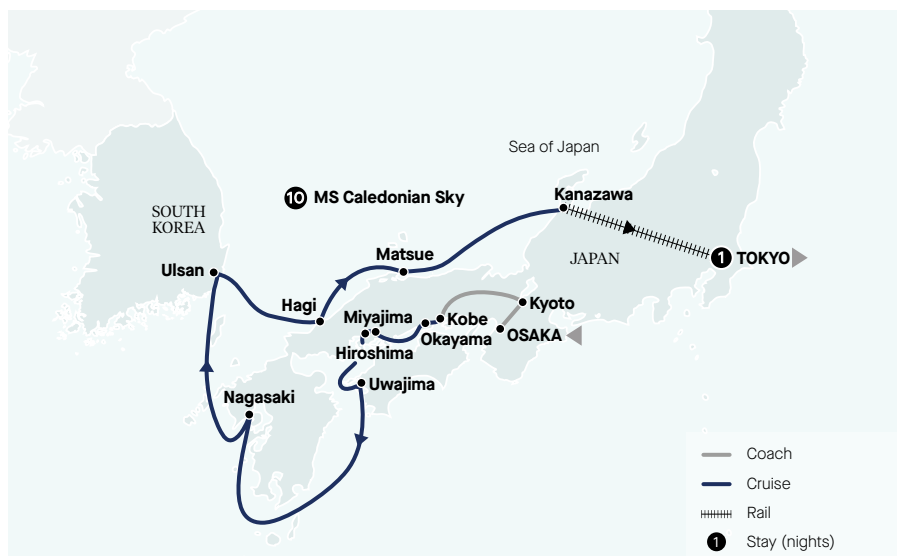
Disembark your ship and transfer to a bullet train for the speedy trip to Tokyo. On arrival, you'll join a sightseeing tour of Tokyo, before checking in to your hotel for the evening. **BL**  
Stay: Tokyo, Imperial Hotel.

### Day 12: Depart Tokyo

Enjoy breakfast then say your goodbyes before we transfer you to the airport by shuttle bus. **B**

#### Kyoto Three-Day City Stay

Extend your stay in Japan before your cruise. Explore the cultural capital, Kyoto with your Botanical guide. Enquire for details (BTKYO3).



Above Philosopher's Walk, Kyoto

Trip from **\$17,595** per person twin share

2020 Date and Prices (NZ\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
<b>12 Days Osaka to Tokyo (BTJP12)</b>			
March 28	Porthole Suite	\$17,595	\$20,345
	Window Suite	\$19,790	\$22,740
	Balcony Suite	\$21,590	\$25,940
	Owner's Suite	\$21,990	\$28,940

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# Japanese Spring Blossoms, Gardens & Culture Cruise

## Tokyo to Osaka

During the first flourish of spring, anchor to explore ancient castles, shrines and peaceful Japanese gardens. Enjoy bursts of colour from tree peonies, Japanese azaleas and peach blossoms.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 14 days, 13 nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Botanica Cruising / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky / **Visit** 14 places, two countries

**Go For** Japanese gardens at their height of spring bloom and Japanese culture

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Tokyo – Japan
02	Tokyo, Kanazawa – Japan
03	Kanazawa, Kenroku-en Garden – Japan
04	Yuushien Garden, Matsue – Japan
05	Hagi – Japan
06	Ulsan – South Korea
07	Dejima Island, Nagasaki – Japan
08	Yakushima Island – Japan
09	Uwajima – Japan
10	Hiroshima, Miyajima Island – Japan
11	Okayama, Koraku-en Garden, Kurashiki – Japan
12	Takamatsu, Ritsurin Park – Japan
13	Kobe, Kyoto – Japan
14	Kyoto, Osaka – Japan

#### Day 01: Arrive Tokyo

Welcome to Japan! Leave Narita International Airport by 10am, or depart the Imperial Hotel at 11.30am and set off on an afternoon of discovery as you step out to explore some of the sights, including the Imperial Palace East Gardens, and the Meiji Shrine and grounds. **L**  
**Stay:** Tokyo, Imperial Hotel.

#### Day 02: Tokyo, Kanazawa, Embark Ship

From Tokyo, a bullet train sweeps you north to Kanazawa. A thriving centre of the arts, it's a great place to pick up lacquerware, Kutani-style pottery, and hand-painted silk. Meet your ship at the port and celebrate your impending adventure over a welcome dinner. **BLD**

**11 Nights:** MS Caledonian Sky.

#### Day 03: Kanazawa, Kenroku-en Garden

You'll spend the morning at the Omicho Market, finding everything from flowers to fish and local handicrafts. Later, visit the famed Kenroku-en Garden, ranked among the country's top gardens. Wander beneath blushing arbours, over bridges and along serene pathways. Later, immerse yourself in local culture with a visit to Higashi Chaya Gai Geisha District, where traditional forms of the town remain, tracing back to the Samurai Era. Here, see many of the city's famous hand-crafted items. **BLD**

#### Day 04: Yuushien Garden, Matsue

Your ship arrives at Matsue, known as the 'Town of Water', which nestles by a scenic lake and lagoon. The highlight of your visit is Matsue Castle. Known as the 'Black Castle', it is one of only a few wooden medieval castles remaining in Japan today. Admire the graceful exterior, then take the opportunity to explore the interior, from where you can enjoy views of Lake Shinji. Continue to Yuushien Garden, full of colour and blossom, famous for growing ginseng and peonies. **BLD**

#### Day 05: Hagi

Arrive at Hagi, one of Japan's most beautiful castle towns. Stretch your legs with a walk through the lovely old streets, the ruins of Hagi Castle, Shizuki Park and on to Tokoji Temple. Japan's revolution began here in Jokamachi's old samurai residential quarter, where you will tour a samurai's home. Also stop at a Daisho temple, located on Mt Mison on the island of Itsukushima. Inside, you will find a flame that is said to have been burning for 1,200 years. **BLD**

#### Day 06: Ulsan

For a change of scenery, dock in Ulsan in South Korea for a full-day discovery of Gyeongju. As the ancient capital of the Shilla dynasty, Gyeongju's heritage dates back to the first millennium. Stroll through some of the excavated monuments, temples, tombs and pagodas, and explore the National Museum. At lunch, sample Korean delicacies followed by a cultural performance of traditional dance. **BLD**


#### Day 07: Dejima Island, Nagasaki

It's back over to Japan today with a stop at Nagasaki, the second city destroyed by an A-bomb in World War II. Tour the Peace Memorial Park, Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Garden. Spend time at Dejima Island, built during the Edo period to house Portuguese Christian missionaries and prevent the propagation of their religion. **BLD**

#### Day 08: Yakushima Island

Welcome to the island of Yakushima, named Japan's first World Heritage-listed site in 1993. Yakushima is famous in botanical circles for many great garden plants, including dwarf plants that have evolved to grow smaller than their mainland cousins. Your discovery includes a walk through Yakusugi Land, a nature park populated by a number of the island's ancient cedar trees, such as the Buddhasugi, Futagosugi and Sennensugi. **BLD**

#### Key

-  Freedom of Choice
- BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

**Day 09: Uwajima**

🚢 Arrive in Uwajima, situated deep inside the saw-toothed coast of Uwajima Bay. Today, choose from two experiences. Visit a pearl farm or explore Uwajima Castle. Both conclude with a jaunt through the Tensha-en Garden. **BLD**

**Day 10: Hiroshima, Miyajima Island**

Arrive in Hiroshima to visit the Peace Memorial Park. The park is dotted with memorials, including the cenotaph that contains the names of all the known victims of the A-bomb. Continue on to Miyajima to see the 'Floating Torii Gate'\*, the giant camphor wood gates at the entrance to the Shinto shrine. Go ashore to explore the World Heritage-listed Itsukushima Jinja Shrine, founded in the sixth century. **BLD**

**Day 11: Okayama, Koraku-en Garden, Kurashiki**

Dedicate your morning to the Koraku-en Garden, one of Japan's most significant gardens. You'll no doubt be amazed by the classic Japanese teahouse with views over the garden. Continue to Kurashiki to discover its old merchant quarter and 17th-century wooden warehouses. **BLD**

**Day 12: Takamatsu, Ritsurin Park**

Dock at Takamatsu on Shikoku, the smallest of the four main Japanese Islands. Journey over the Seto-Ohashi Bridge and visit Kinashi Bonsai Town. Next, visit Ritsurin Park, a 350-year-old garden famous for its spring colours and Chrysanthemum Moon pavilion. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner on your ship. **BLD**

**Day 13: Kobe, Disembark Ship, Kyoto**

At Kobe, we will take you from the ship to Kyoto. The former Imperial capital of Japan is now ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities. Visit Ginkakuji temple and see the spring colours from the Philosopher's Walk. **BLD**

Stay: Kyoto, Okura Hotel or similar.

**Day 14: Kyoto, Depart Osaka**

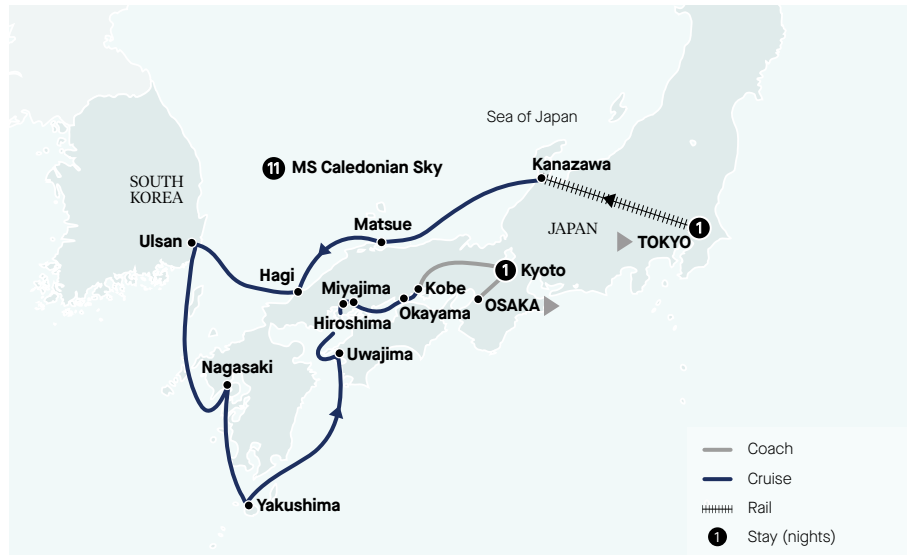
After breakfast, we transfer you to Osaka airport by shuttle bus. Alternatively, choose to stay on in Kyoto with Botanica's three-day extension. **B**

**Kyoto Three-Day City Stay**

Extend your stay in Japan after your cruise. Explore the cultural capital, Kyoto with your Botanical guide. Enquire for details (BTKYO3R).

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Above Peonies in Yuushien Garden, Matsue

Trip from **\$19,795** per person twin share

2020 Date and Prices (NZ\$)	Suite	Twin From	Solo From
<b>14 Days Tokyo to Osaka (BTJP14)</b>			
April 6	Porthole Suite	\$19,795	\$23,095
	Window Suite	\$22,190	\$25,790
	Balcony Suite	\$24,090	\$28,890
	Owner's Suite	\$24,390	\$32,090

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# Cherry Blossoms in Japan & Chinese Culture & Gardens in Spring

## Osaka to Beijing

As the soft pink hues of the cherry blossom trees colour the landscapes, venture along Japan's historic shores, exploring castles, gardens and temples. Cruise the Yangtze in China and see Chinese gardens come into bloom, while stopping in South Korea along the way.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 25 days, 24 nights / **Travel Style** Small Ship Botanica Cruising + Small Group Journey / **Ship** MS Caledonian Sky  
+ Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer / **Visit** 21 places, three countries / **Go For** Cherry blossoms, ancient Chinese gardens, local culture and cuisine

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Osaka, Kyoto – Japan
02	Okayama, Koraku-en Garden, Kurashiki – Japan
03	Takamatsu, Ritsurin Park – Japan
04	Hiroshima, Miyajima Island – Japan
05	Uwajima – Japan
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#### Day 01: Arrive Osaka, Kyoto, Embark Ship

Your adventure begins right away on arrival in Osaka with a transfer to Kyoto. Visit the famous Kyoto temple, Ginkakuji, and see cherry blossoms from the Philosopher's Walk. **LD**  
10 Nights: MS Caledonian Sky.

#### Day 02: Okayama, Koraku-en Garden, Kurashiki

Explore Koraku-en Garden, recognised as one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Continue on to discover the canal town of Kurashiki. **BLD**


#### Day 03: Takamatsu, Ritsurin Park

At Takamatsu, visit Kinashi Bonsai Town and Ritsurin Park, a 350-year-old garden. **BLD**

#### Day 04: Hiroshima, Miyajima Island

A visit to the Peace Memorial Park precedes a visit to the iconic 'Floating Torii Gate'\*. **BLD**

#### Day 05: Uwajima

 Perhaps visit a pearl farm or explore Uwajima Castle. Both conclude with a jaunt through the Tensha-en Garden, a typical example of Japanese-garden style in the samurai era. **BLD**

#### Day 06: Nagasaki, Dejima Island

Explore Nagasaki Peace Memorial Park, Atomic Bomb Museum and Glover Garden. **BLD**

#### Day 07: Ulsan

Your day is dedicated to an excursion to Gyeongju and its tombs, temples and other excavated monuments. **BLD**

#### Day 08: Hagi

Tour a samurai's home and visit the Daisho Temple, the resting place of the two first Mori daimyo (pre-modern lords). This temple is located on Mt Mison, a holy mountain. **BLD**

#### Day 09: Matsue, Yuushien Garden

Visit Matsue Castle and Yuushien Garden, famous for its ginseng and peonies. **BLD**

#### Day 10: Kanazawa, Kenroku-en Garden

Kanazawa is a thriving centre of the arts, known for its lacquerware, collectable pottery of the Kutani style, gold-leaf workmanship and delicate hand-painting of silk for kimonos and Noh theatre dramas. The Kanazawa Castle ruins and the famed Kenroku-en Garden steals the show today. **BLD**

#### Day 11: Kanazawa, Tokyo

A bullet train sweeps you to Tokyo where an afternoon of sightseeing awaits, including the Meiji Temple and its spacious grounds. **BL**  
Stay: Tokyo, Imperial Hotel.

#### Day 12: Tokyo, Shanghai

Fly to Shanghai and enjoy a welcome dinner for your first night in China. **BD**  
Two Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

#### Day 13: Shanghai, Yu Garden

A cruise along the Huangpu River ends with a wander through the ancient Yu Garden. **BLD**

#### Day 14: Shanghai, Jinxi, Suzhou

China's tranquil watertowns of Jinxi and Suzhou await your discovery today. Uncover quiet canals, arching bridges and traditional Chinese architecture. **BLD**

Two Nights: Suzhou, Hyatt Regency.

#### Day 15: Suzhou, Humble Administrator's Garden

Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden. Tonight we go to the Night Garden of Fisherman's Net and hear traditional Suzhou music. **BLD**

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**BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner



### Day 16: Yichang

See the Azalea Flower Show and visit Tiger Hill Park. It's then time for a flight to Yichang to board the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer. **BLD**

Four Nights: Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer.

### Day 17: Xiling Gorge, Three Gorges Dam

Today your ship cruises through the spectacular Three Gorges region. **BLD**

### Day 18: Shennong Stream, Wu Gorge, Qutang Gorge

Enjoy a traditional long boat ride, before a cruise through the dramatic vistas of the Wu and Qutang gorges. **BLD**

### Day 19: Fuling

**(A)** It is up to you how you'd like to spend today. The choice is yours whether to visit the 816 Underground Project or the White Crane Ridge Underwater Project. **BLD**

### Day 20: Chongqing, Disembark Cruise, Xi'an

You'll disembark in Chongqing today and head to the zoo, where you will see cuddly giant pandas. Fly to Xi'an. **BLD**

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Day 21: Xi'an, Terracotta Army

Visit the world-famous Terracotta Army and see some of the best-preserved sculptures from an exclusive lower viewing platform. Spend the afternoon at the Museum of Qin. **BLD**

### Day 22: Xi'an, Beijing

Fly to China's capital. This afternoon, visit Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. **BLD**

Three Nights: Beijing, Regent Hotel.

### Day 23: Beijing, Great Wall of China

Explore one of the best-preserved parts of the Great Wall of China. Board a cable car and enjoy panoramic views of the wall. **BL**

### Day 24: Beijing

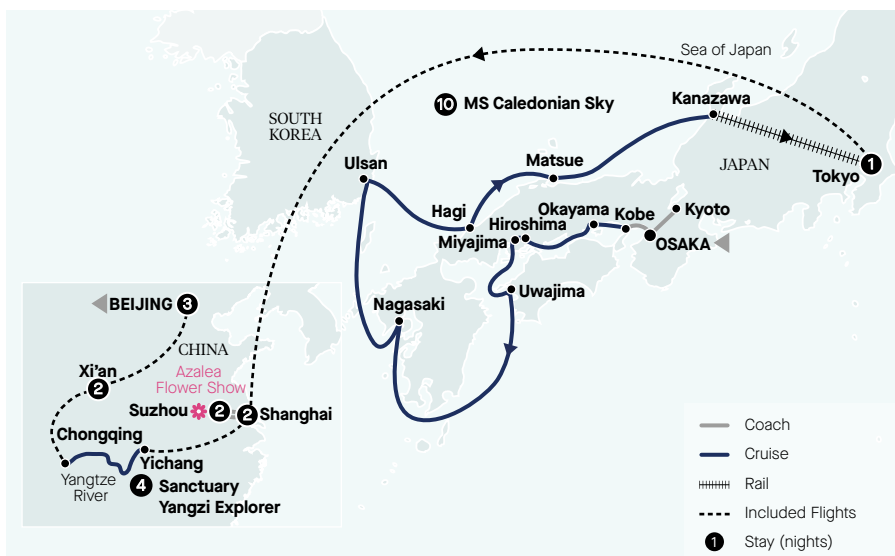
Visit the lakes, gardens and temples within the Summer Palace. This evening, enjoy a Peking duck farewell dinner. **BLD**

### Day 25: Depart Beijing

We'll transfer you to the airport for your flight. **B**

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**(A)** Low Zodiac Activity – This tour involves only limited use of Zodiacs for sightseeing or for accessing ports.

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# Japanese Culture, Art & Gardens in Autumn Splendour

## Tokyo to Osaka

The pale blooms of spring fall away as the vivid gold, amber and crimson hues of autumn mark the change of seasons. From brilliant red maple leaves, to entire mountains swathed in bronze, zip across the country by bullet train to see Japan like never before.

### Trip Snapshot

**Duration** 12 days, 11 nights / **Travel Style** Small Group Journey / **Visit** nine places

**Go For** Vibrant autumn leaves in Nikko, traditional Japanese art and iconic gardens in autumn

#### Trip Overview

Day	Destination
01	Tokyo
02	Tokyo
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04	Tokyo, Kanazawa
05	Kanazawa
06	Kanazawa, Kyoto
07	Kyoto
08	Nara
09	Kyoto, Tottori
10	Tottori, Okayama
11	Okayama, Osaka
12	Osaka

#### Day 01: Arrive Tokyo

As you touch down in Japan's capital, we'll be there to meet and transfer you to your hotel. A welcome dinner tonight is the perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers and botanical guide. **D**

Three Nights: Tokyo, Shibuya Excel Tokyu Hotel.

#### Day 02: Tokyo

Dedicate your day to exploring Tokyo. Visit Meiji Shrine where over 100,000 trees display autumn leaves. Next visit Roppongi Hills Observation Deck, where you can find the Mori Art Museum. On a clear day, look out and see Mt Fuji on the horizon. Pause for lunch before continuing on with a visit to Nezu Museum. Here you'll discover a collection of Japanese and East Asian art, hidden in a forest-like garden. Take time to wander a typical example of a Japanese landscape garden at Shinjuku Gyoen Park. **BL**

#### Day 03: Nikko

No town in Japan is so vibrant in autumn than Nikko, and that's where you're heading today. Hidden within a forest is the Toshogu Shrine and the Old Imperial Villa, featuring Edo, Meiji and Taisho architecture. Afterwards, visit Kirifuri Fall, a 75-metre high, two-tiered waterfall. **BL**

#### Day 04: Tokyo, Kanazawa

In Asakusa, an old district in Tokyo, you might like some down time to shop or wander at your own pace. Visit the oldest temple in Tokyo, Sensoji, as well as Kiyosumi Garden. From Tokyo, a bullet train sweeps you north to the coastal city of Kanazawa. **BL**

Two Nights: Kanazawa, Tokyu Hotel.

#### Day 05: Kanazawa

You'll spend the morning at the Omicho Market, finding everything from flowers to fish and local handicrafts. Later, visit the famed Kenrokuen Garden, ranked among the country's top gardens. Wander beneath russet arbours, over bridges and along serene pathways. Afterwards visit the Nagamachi Samurai District. Here you will see a demonstration of Yuzen silk painting before heading to the Nomura Samurai House where you may sample tea in a tea-ceremony room. **BL**

#### Day 06: Kanazawa, Kyoto

Hop onto an express train to Kyoto, home to the wonderful world of geisha. On arrival, we'll whisk you to the Tenryuji temple, a World Heritage-listed site built in 1339 in honour of Gautama Buddha. Pass through bamboo groves on your way to Nonomiya Shrine, the site where imperial priestesses went to undergo a year of purification. **BD**

Three Nights: Kyoto, Tokyu Hotel.

#### Day 07: Kyoto

You'll uncover Kyoto's rich history and spirituality on your day's discovery. Visit Nijo Castle and the stunning gardens of plum orchards, cherry trees and ornamental stone. You'll then head to Kinkakuji, the famous Golden Pavilion, with its top two floors completely covered in gold-leaf. After lunch, visit Ryoanji Temple, a World Heritage-listed site that is renowned for its rock garden. **BL**

#### Day 08: Nara

Today set your sights on the country's former capital, Nara. Discover Todaiji temple, the world's largest wooden structure that's home to Japan's largest Buddha. Afterwards, animal lovers will delight in the chance to journey to Nara Park for an encounter with the ever-polite bowing deer, who are determined to charm

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**BLD** Breakfast Lunch Dinner

you into surrendering any food you might be hiding. After lunch, continue to Kasuga Taisha shrine, Shinen Manyo Botanical Garden and Heinan Shrine and garden. **BL**

**Day 09: Kyoto, Tottori**

A bullet train whizzes you to Himeji where Japan's largest and arguably most beautiful castle, Himeji Castle, awaits. Bask in serenity this afternoon with a visit to Kokoen garden. Take the time to explore – there are nine separate walled gardens here that are particularly striking during autumn. Hop onto a bullet train to your next stop, Tottori, a sand dune coastal city overlooking the Sea of Japan. **BLD**

Stay: Tottori, Tsuruya Hotel.

**Day 10: Tottori, Okayama**

We appreciate art in many forms today at Adachi Museum of Art. Whether it be the fantastic collection of Japanese art work or the plush green shrubs, manicured lawn and surrounding mountains of the magnificent gardens which has been described as a living picture. Afterwards, make your way to Mt Daisen, which has transformed during autumn, layered in crimson leaves. End your day travelling to the city of Okayama by rail. **BD**

Stay: Okayama, Hotel Granvia.

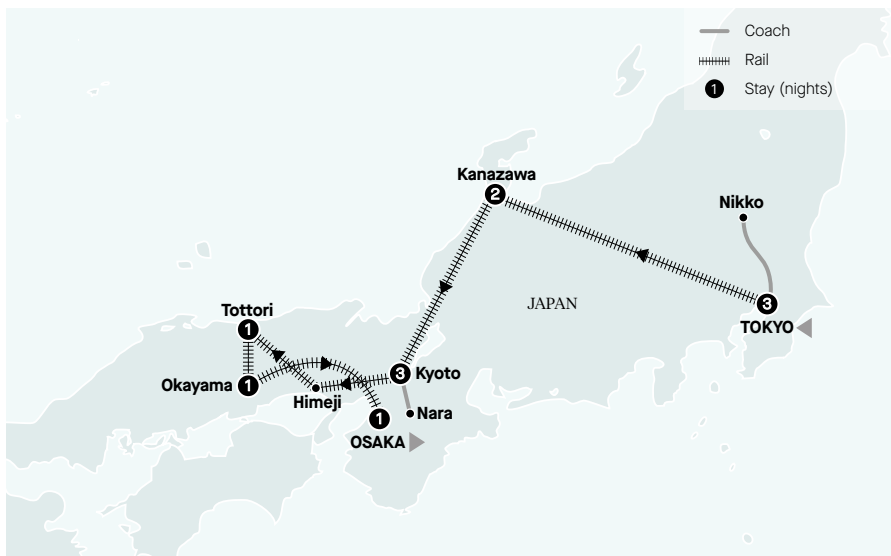
**Day 11: Okayama, Osaka**

The jewel of Okayama is undoubtedly Korakuen garden, one of Japan's most significant gardens. Located beside Okayama's black castle, the amber maple leaves of the garden at this time of year paint a vivid scene. Continue to Kurashiki to discover its old merchant quarter and 17th-century wooden warehouses. Board a bullet train which cuts through the countryside to Osaka. Tonight, raise your glass to a memorable journey at a farewell dinner. **BLD**

Stay: Osaka, Hotel Granvia.

**Day 12: Depart Osaka**

Your journey comes to an end with a transfer to the airport for your flight home. **B**



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# Tailor Made Journeys



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1

#### **Tell Us About Yourself**

For APT's specialist team to craft an itinerary specific for you, they first need to learn a bit about who you are. What are your interests, your personality, passions and drives? And of course, is there anything that you absolutely cannot miss?

2

#### **Tailor it to You**

Your expert planner will consider everything, and come back to you with a comprehensive travel proposal as to how your journey might shape up to look. Together you'll customise this draft until it's everything you wanted.

3

#### **Experience the World**

Everything has been taken care of, and your dream holiday has been meticulously planned to a tee. The last thing for you to do is set off and experience the world. Get packing!



# China



There's so much to see and do in China and Japan, and knowing where to begin can be daunting. Should you spend three nights in Tokyo, or four? Do you start your holiday in Beijing or Chengdu? It's hard to know where to start.

To make the process a little easier, you might like to consider the following examples. While your holiday may not look exactly the same as the following, they're a suggestion to get you started and excited about the Tailor Made process.

Take a peek at the following itineraries and whet your appetite for discovery.

## **Days 01-03: Beijing**

Discover China's capital city your way. You might like to embark on a wander through the Forbidden City. Take a tour of Tiananmen Square, which has been enlarged to four times its original size. Tick off a bucket list destination with a jaunt to the Great Wall of China, where a special private lunch awaits in the well-preserved Badaling section. Or, for budding chefs, join a cooking class in the Hutong district and perfect classic and traditional Chinese cuisine.

Three Nights: Regent Beijing.

## **Days 04-05: Xi'an**

Experience one of the oldest cities in China at your own pace. Visit the Terracotta Warriors at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses to discover the history of the warriors. Visit the ancient city wall. Or take an evening stroll through the night markets of the Muslim Quarter, shopping for souvenirs and sampling local street food from melt-in-your-mouth lamb kebabs to sweet rice cakes.

Two Nights: Xi'an, Shangri-La Hotel.

## **Days 06-07: Shanghai**

Shanghai, evocative, awe-inspiring and alluring. Take a walk along the French Concession area, enjoy some much-deserved retail therapy, head to the city's waterfront area, the Bund, for a Tai Chi lesson. And you haven't truly experienced China if you haven't gorged yourself on a delicious dim sum feast.

Two Nights: Shanghai, Fairmont Peace Hotel.

## **Day 08: Depart Shanghai**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.





## China

### Days 01-02: Chengdu

If there's one thing you should do during your time in Chengdu, it's visiting the giant pandas at the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. You might also like to stroll along the lantern-lined Jinli Old Street to peruse the local stalls and cafes.

Two Nights: Grand Hyatt Chengdu.

### Days 03-04: Xi'an

Visit the Terracotta Warriors at the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Head to the ancient city wall. Or take an evening stroll through the night markets of the Muslim Quarter.

Two Nights: Xian, Shangri-La Hotel.

### Days 05-07: Beijing

You might like to wander through the Forbidden City. Take a tour of Tiananmen Square. Tick the Great Wall of China off your bucket list. Or, for budding chefs, join a cooking class in the Hutong district and perfect classic and traditional Chinese cuisine.

Three Nights: Regent Beijing.

### Days 08-10: Hong Kong

In Hong Kong, ride the Victoria Peak Tram, peruse the Temple Street Night Market, admire the colonial architecture in Macau, the 'Vegas of Asia'. You can also indulge in a culinary feast at a wide range of local street restaurants or Michelin-starred restaurants.

Three Nights: Harbour Grand Kowloon.

### Day 11: Depart Hong Kong

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

## Japan

### Days 01-04: Tokyo

Welcome to the Land of the Rising Sun. During your time in the country's capital, perhaps enjoy an amble through the Imperial Gardens. The bright lights and retail stores of Shibuya District call for some retail therapy. Or maybe a cruise down the Sudima River is the perfect way to while away the afternoon. Visit the Asahi brewery for a tasting, or for natural wonders head to Hakone to view the iconic Mt Fuji.

Four Nights: InterContinental Tokyo Bay.

### Days 05-06: Kyoto

Get your fill of Japan's spiritual heart. Explore the geisha and samurai districts. Visit the former capital Nara. Venture to Fushimi Inari Shrine where you may receive a Shinto blessing. Channel some Zen at the Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavillion). What you do is completely up to you.

Two Nights: The Thousand Kyoto.

### Days 07-08: Hiroshima, Osaka

Gain an understanding of Japan's sombre history at Hiroshima. Visit the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, and take a ferry to Miyajima Island to see the iconic 'Floating Torii Gate'. Discover Osaka, journeying to Osaka Castle, or heading out for a meal in the buzzing Dotonbori district.

Two Nights: Osaka, InterContinental Hotel.

### Day 09: Depart Osaka

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward flight.



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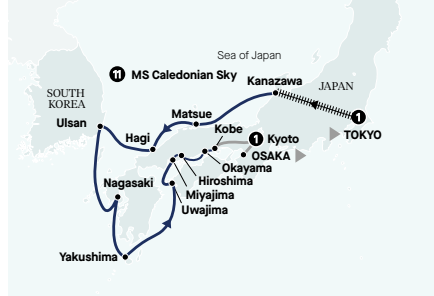
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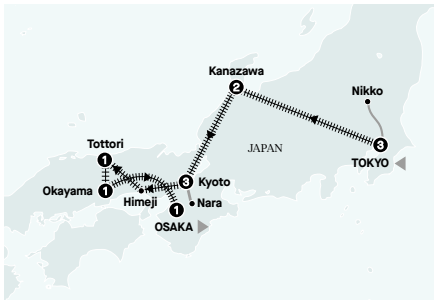


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# Freedom of Choice™ Dining

Ⓢ Personalise your holiday with a choice of included dining options.

## Chengdu (China)



### Grand Café

An east meets west fusion, a pan to plate attitude. With an open kitchen, you can watch as expert chefs prepare seasonal local and international dishes fresh right in front of you.



### #8

Feast on the region's famous dish, the lamb hotpot, as well as a range of authentic local Sichuan dishes. The restaurant also features a fresh food market serving meat, seafood, fresh fruit and dessert.

## Lijiang (China)



### Lakeside Restaurant

Combining four distinctive restaurants in one, Lakeside Restaurant offers a unique dining experience with Asian and international dishes in a warm, rustic environment.



### Yu Shan Ge

Enjoy a superb menu designed around Yunnan's rich and diverse cultural history. Drawing inspiration from the local ethnic minorities, the menu offers a unique and authentic experience of Yunnan cuisine.

## Shanghai (China)



### Cathay Room

Located within Shanghai's iconic Fairmont Peace Hotel overlooking the bund, sit down and savour and expertly prepared Western set menu for when you just need a little taste of home.



### Zen Restaurant

Specialising in the tribal cuisine of China's Yunnan province, Zen Restaurant has all the makings of a destination restaurant: exotic cuisine, enchanted atmospheric music and flickering candlelight.



### Amanda Restaurant

Located in the heart of Shanghai's buzzing French Concession district, Amanda Restaurant serves contemporary western cuisine with freshly caught seafood influences.

## Xi'an (China)



### Siam Garden

Indulge in a delicious meal while overlooking a manicured outdoor garden and listening to birds chirping. Siam Garden serves the finest traditional Thai cuisine in Xi'an, prepared by a Thai Master Chef.



### Tian Xiang Ge

Enjoy authentic Cantonese cuisine from traditional dim sums to freshly made noodles. Tian Xiang Ge also serves famous dishes from other regions of China, including local Xi'an specialities.



### Yi Café

Embark on an international culinary journey at the Yi Café. The walk-through market style design incorporates a cosmopolitan atmosphere, presenting cuisine from China, South-East Asia and Europe.

## Ürümqi (China)



### Loulan Chinese Restaurant

You will find a combination of classic Chinese dishes at the Loulan Chinese Restaurant, as well as local specialities of the Xinjiang region for a true taste of the western corners of China.



### Café Veranda

Provides a sumptuous international buffet and features an open-style kitchen to give you an all-new dining experience.

## Kanazawa (Japan)



### La PLAGE

With panoramic views of the city of Kanazawa, and fresh seafood dishes sourced locally, La PLAGE offers a sophisticated dining experience with a European flair.



### Benkay

Dine on traditional Japanese dishes carefully prepared the very same day by chefs at Benkay restaurant. Sit within the Sukiya-style tea house and courtyard for an authentic experience.

## Hiroshima (Japan)



### Bridges

Feast on an all-you-can-eat international buffet, which fuses cuisines from all over to create a memorable dining experience where the food is as vibrant and colourful as the restaurant itself.



### Miyabi Tei

Elegant and modern, Miyabi Tei is the perfect place to enjoy a special meal. Savour a Japanese Kaiseki course meal of carefully selected ingredients sourced fresh from the mountain to the sea.



# Freedom of Choice™ Sightseeing

 Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options.



Culture & Heritage



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Nature & Wildlife



Relax & Revive

## Beijing (China)



### Peking Opera Show

An interesting combination of delightful humour and old Beijing culture, marvel at the costumes, acrobatics and performances at this popular introduction to Chinese Opera.



### Kung Fu Show at Red Theatre

Enjoy a spectacular show of Kung Fu, dance and acrobatics at the Red Theatre. Follow the story of a boy who dreams of becoming a Kung Fu master and the obstacles he must overcome on the way.



### Temple of Heaven

Visit the largest ancient sacrificial building in China. Here, you'll learn about the history and religious significance of this immense structure which was first built in 1420.



### Calligraphy in the Hutong District

Dip your paintbrush into Chinese culture and learn about the traditional art of calligraphy which has been around since the seventh century. You'll learn from a team of skilled artists.

## Shanghai (China)



### Huangpu River Cruise & Yu Garden

Cruise along the Huangpu River through the heart of Shanghai before disembarking to explore the Yu Garden, a perfect example of a classic Chinese garden. Finish your experience with a dim sum feast.



### French Concession Walking Tour

Walk among the quaint cafes, exclusive boutiques and quiet, tree-lined streets on a guided walking tour. Enjoy the chance to marvel at Shanghai's European-style French Concession district.



### Jinxi Excursion

This ancient water town, though not far from Shanghai, seems as though it is worlds away. Experience its charm on a guided walking tour and during a boat cruise.

## Shangri-La (China)



### Pudacuo National Park

The first national park on mainland China, Pudacuo is a must-see for nature lovers. With glittering lakes, bubbling streams and rippling mountainscapes, this is natural splendour at its finest.



### Foot Reflexology

The ancient art of Chinese foot reflexology is said to have begun around 5,000 years ago. Indulge in a treatment, which is thought to help improve circulation and reduce stress.



### Buddhist Blessing

Take some time to embrace the culture and traditions of Tibet, the spiritual kingdom of the Buddhist world, as you take part in a traditional Buddhist blessing at a local monastery.

## Xi'an (China)



### Tang Dynasty Cultural Performance

An explosion of colours, sounds and movement, relish dining on a delicious dumpling dinner while watching an incredibly entertaining Tang Dynasty cultural performance.



### Muslim Quarter Tour

Authentic stalls, shops and restaurants operated by Hui Muslims, offer the perfect place to sample exciting cuisine and haggle with friendly vendors. You'll also enjoy street food at a variety of local stalls.

## Kyoto (Japan)



### Arashiyama Rickshaw Tour

Climb aboard a rickshaw for a tour through Arashiyama, home to Kyoto's enchanting bamboo grove. While travelling through this otherworldly setting, also look out for temples and shrines.



### Ginkakuji & Philosopher's Path Walking tour

Follow the stone path along one of Kyoto's canals, between the cherry blossoms. The path, named after one of Japan's most famous philosophers, winds through breathtaking scenery.

## Freedom of Choice™ – Notes

Please refer to itinerary pages to determine which sightseeing activities apply to your chosen itinerary. Due to venue closures on some dates, some options may not be available as listed. Minimum and maximum numbers may apply on some activities for them to operate.

# Extend Your Stay

If there's no rush to return to reality then why not stay on a while in China and Japan? Lose track of time in one of these luxury hotels or head out and explore some more.

Your APT adventure draws to a close. You've enjoyed every minute but wouldn't it be great to have one last hurrah! We offer extended stays at some of the best hotels in China and Japan, where you can stay longer and spend more time. Exploring. Sightseeing. Dining. Turning those last pages of your holiday novel beside the hotel pool.

We choose our hotels and resorts for their location, reputation and ability to effortlessly enhance your holiday experience. Even when you've waved goodbye to your APT adventure, you'll experience the same exemplary level of attention and service as before. We've made your decision to linger a while, an easy one.

(NZ\$) per person, from*	Twin Share	Solo Trav.
<b>Beijing</b>		
Regent Beijing	\$280	\$560
<b>Shanghai</b>		
Fairmont Peace Hotel	\$320	\$640
<b>Kunming</b>		
Green Lake Hotel	\$255	\$510
<b>Guangzhou</b>		
White Swan Hotel	\$280	\$560
<b>Tokyo</b>		
InterContinental Tokyo Bay	\$435	\$840
<b>Kyoto</b>		
The Thousand Kyoto	\$435	\$835

\*Includes transfers & breakfast.

\*All pre/post accommodation availability and rates are indicative only and may vary depending on trade fairs and seasonal events.



**Top Left** Regent Beijing / **Bottom Left** Fairmont Peace Hotel, Shanghai / **Right** InterContinental Tokyo Bay

# Stopovers

Adapt your adventure as you go with a stopover in Singapore. You're on the road anyway so perhaps add in a stylish city stay for good measure.

## Three Day Singapore Stopover

Explore a sophisticated city full of green spaces

### Day 01: Arrive Singapore

Singapore cuts a fine city skyline on your arrival today. We welcome you to your hotel, in Southeast Asia's Lion City, where the rest of the day is yours to do whatever you wish.

**Two Nights:** Your choice of hotel (see fare box opposite).

### Day 02: Singapore City Tour

Get to know the highlights and hidden corners of Singapore on a guided tour. You'll see sights including the Civic District, Parliament House and City Hall, with a stop at Merlion Park for views of Marina Bay. Then pay a visit to the Thian Hock Keng Temple, one of the oldest Buddhist-Taoist temples on the island. Later, there's time to meander through Chinatown

and visit a local handicraft centre, before continuing to the National Orchid Garden within the Botanic Gardens, home to over 60,000 orchid plants. Visit Little India to breathe in the heady scent of jasmine and spices. Alternatively, set off for the Gardens by the Bay and discover this inspired nature park that spans 101 hectares. Take your time seeing the Flower Dome, the world's largest green house. Witness the 35-metre waterfall and stroll above the jungle canopy via the aerial walkway at Cloud Forest. **B**

### Day 03: Depart Singapore

After a leisurely breakfast, we'll transfer you to the airport for your onward flight. **B**

### 2020 Prices (NZ\$)

#### 3 Day Singapore Stopover (STOSIN3)

Accommodation	Twin Share	Solo Trav.
Carlton City Hotel	\$795	\$1,495
Fort Canning	\$895	\$1,645
Fairmont Singapore	\$995	\$1,895
Mandarin Orchard	\$895	\$1,645
The Fullerton Hotel	\$1,145	\$2,145

Please note: For terms and conditions, see pages 112-113.



**Above** Gardens by the Bay, Singapore

# Glossary

## Clarifying the intricacies of a China & Japan trip with APT.

### a

#### **Adaptors & Electricity**

Electricity is 220V on board your river ship in China. In Japan, it will be 110V for both your cruise and land touring. A plug adaptor is necessary if you plan to bring appliances from home.

#### **Allergies**

If you have a food allergy or another condition that needs to be managed on tour, please advise your booking agent as soon as possible, as most suppliers require advance notice to accommodate this.

#### **Altitude**

While travelling through Shangri-La in the Yunan province or Lhasa in Tibet, you will experience altitudes of 3,160 to 3,600 metres above sea level respectively. If required, oxygen will be readily available for purchase. Please consult your doctor should you have any concerns.

#### **Audio Guides**

Each guest will have an audio headset. During shore excursions, these lightweight headsets allow you to hear every word of your local guide's commentary.

### b

#### **Bedding Configuration**

Most suites on all ships can be configured as either double or twin share. Your preference will be noted at the time of booking. Please note that double beds are on request basis for hotels in Japan and may not be guaranteed.

#### **Beverages**

On your cruise, coffee and tea are available free of charge throughout the day and during meals. Bottled water is provided and replenished daily.

On board our small ship cruises through Japan, a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are available all day. French Champagne, premium spirits and selected wines are offered at an additional cost.

On board the Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer in China, complementary house wine, local beer and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.

During land journeys, complimentary water and tea are offered during included meals. Complimentary alcoholic beverages may also be included with some dinners.

### c

#### **Currency**

The Yuan Renminbi (RMB) is the national currency of China and the only currency accepted. In Japan, the Yen (JPY) is the official currency.

For Small Ship cruises, British Pounds (GBP) is used on board the MS Caledonian Sky.

When cruising, for your convenience, all purchases and paid services on board are billed to your shipboard account. You will receive a total that can be paid with cash or credit card. Please note the ships do not accept payment by Diners Club cards, prepaid Visa or MasterCard Debit cards, EFTPOS, Travelex cards, cash passports or travellers cheques.

### d

#### **Dining**

All meals on board your cruise are included. Meals are served in the dining room in a single sitting. No table reservations can be made in the main restaurants. On board, enjoy a full buffet breakfast each morning in the main restaurant. Lunch consists of salads, soups, and a choice of entrées, mains and desserts. Dinner is a multi-course meal also presenting a selection of entrées, mains and desserts. Casual dining is also available.

On land journeys, a full buffet breakfast is included each day. Selected lunches and dinners are also included as indicated on itinerary pages. Please notify APT of any special dietary requirements when booking.

#### **Dress Code**

The dress code is relaxed. Comfortable clothing is ideal for during the day, but smart casual clothing for evenings on board the ship is recommended. You may wish to bring something a little dressier for the welcome and farewell dinners, however there will be no formal evenings. Comfortable footwear is imperative for excursions and embarking/disembarking the ship. If your sightseeing includes places of worship, please ensure your clothes are clean with sufficient body cover (for example cover your shoulders and wear trousers or a knee-length dress).

## e

### Entertainment

Onboard entertainment varies for each ship and depends on the region you're in and the availability of performers.

## f

### Flights Within Asia

Flights included within your tour are booked by APT's ground operators in economy class. Your flight details will not appear on your final documentation, your tour director or local guide will carry all necessary paperwork for these flights. Luggage for all internal flights is limited to 20kg (44lbs).

## i

### Internet & Wi-Fi

All ships and hotels are equipped with internet facilities and wireless internet (Wi-Fi) is also available. Internet access is complimentary on all ships, however, as all ships use a satellite system, routing may cause reception to be restricted at times in certain areas. The Chinese Government imposes strict internet access, with some websites and apps that you may regularly use – such as Google, WhatsApp as well as Gmail and Bigpond email access – not being made available. Alternatives that are available which you can use to keep in contact with friends and family are Skype, Wechat (China's version of WhatsApp) and hotmail.

## l

### Laundry

Laundry services are available on board all ships and price lists will be available in your suite. Clothes cannot be dry-cleaned on board. Self-service laundry facilities are not available on board. For safety reasons, it is not permitted to use an iron in your suite.

## m

### Medical

On our cruises, there is an onboard doctor and small infirmary. Passengers are responsible for all charges that result from visiting either the onboard medical practitioner or a local medical facility.

The above is not to be used as a substitute for travel insurance.

## p

### Physical Fitness

APT's cruises and tours are not physically demanding; however, because of the nature of many of the sites you'll be visiting, most tours will require a good level of fitness and health to participate. Some trips may not be appropriate for guests with certain medical conditions and physical restrictions. Walking tours are often on uneven ground and may include stairs as well as steep inclines.

You should be able to stand on your feet for an extended period of time to visit museums, attractions and other sites, as well as when checking in for flights and cruises and at Customs and Immigration.

The nature of Small Ship cruises requires regular embarkation/disembarkation of Zodiacs for shore access, as well as wet landings on occasion, dependant on your itinerary. Passengers must be able to step in and out of smaller vessels, climb ramps and steps. Some Small Ship cruises visit remote areas and feature activities with varying degrees of difficulty, therefore it is vital to select a tour with an activity level suited to your health and fitness.

## v

### Vaccinations

Vaccinations may be required. We suggest you consult your GP or travel clinic prior to your travels for the latest vaccination and medical advice.

### Visas & Passports

All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas.

At the time of printing, the following applies.

China: All passengers travelling to China are required to obtain a visa prior to departure. Your Tibetan travel permit is included in your package price.

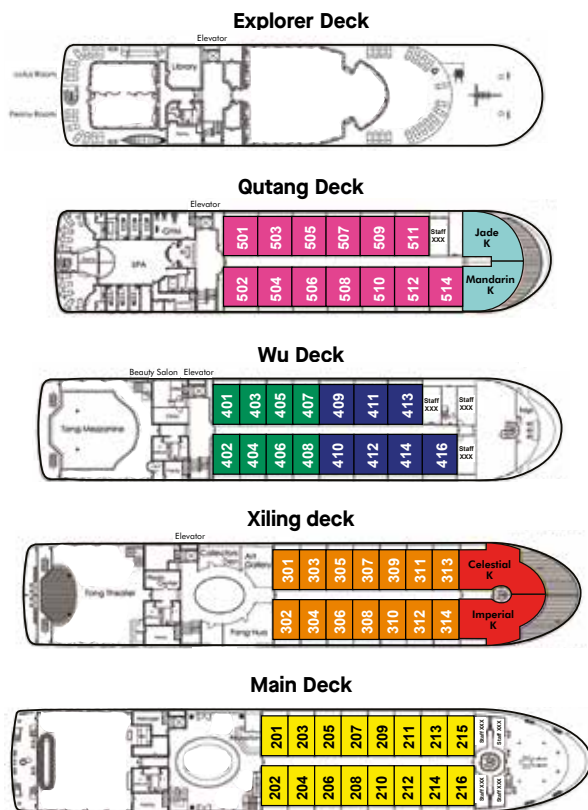
Japan: Australian, New Zealand and United Kingdom passport holders do not require a visa for stays less than 90 days.

South Korea: Small Ship passengers travelling on Australian, New Zealand and United Kingdom passports do not require a visa for stays less than 90 days.

All other nationalities not mentioned above please contact your local consulate for visa requirements.

# Deck & Suite Plans

## Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer



### Suite Categories

#### Qutang Deck

- Category A  
Deluxe Balcony
- Jade & Mandarin  
Suite

#### Wu Deck

- Category B  
Deluxe Balcony
- Category C  
Private Balcony

#### Xiling Deck

- Category D  
Private Balcony
- Celestial & Imperial  
Suite

#### Main Deck

- Category E  
Private Balcony

### Technical Data

Sanctuary Yangzi Explorer – Launched 2008 | Refurbished 2017

• Length: 91.44m • Suites: 62 • Crew: 130



**Private Balcony Suite**  
Categories: E, D and C  
**333 square feet/31 square metres**



**Deluxe Balcony Suite**  
Categories: B and A  
**420 square feet/39 square metres**

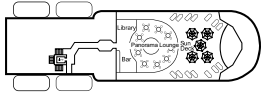


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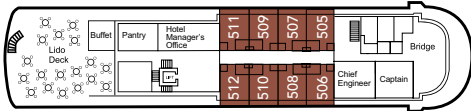
# Deck & Suite Plans

## MS Caledonian Sky

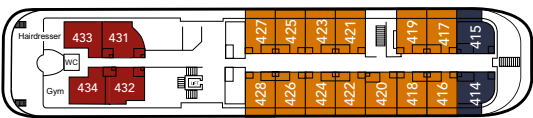
### Panorama Deck



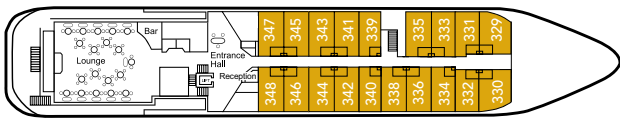
### Bridge Deck



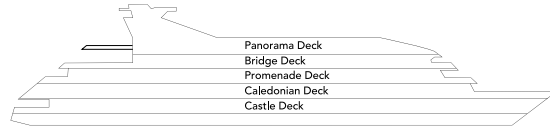
### Promenade Deck



### Caledonian Deck



### Castle Deck



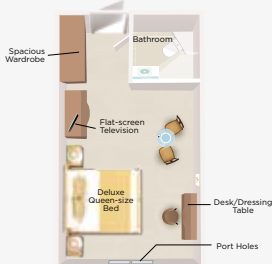
### Suite Categories

- Owner's Corner Balcony Suites
- Premium Balcony Suites
- Deluxe Balcony Suites
- Premium Suites
- Superior Suites
- Standard Suites
- Standard Suites (Forward)

### Technical Data

#### MS Caledonian Sky – Refurbished 2018

• Length: 90.6m • Width: 15.3m • Tonnage: 4,200 • Maximum Cruising Speed: 12 Knots • Crew: 75 • Guest Capacity: 114



#### Castle Deck

Category: Standard & Standard (Forward) Suites  
22.7 square metres/244 square feet



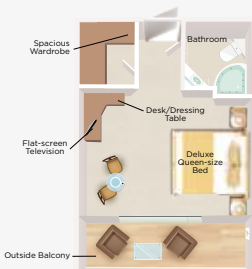
#### Caledonian Deck

Category: Superior Suite  
21.6 square metres/233 square feet



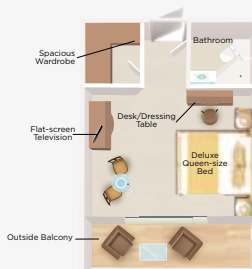
#### Promenade Deck

Category: Premium Suite  
20.2 square metres/217 square feet



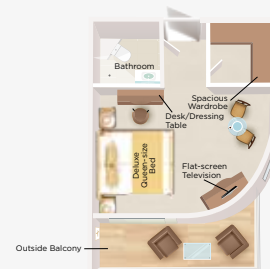
#### Bridge Deck

Category: Deluxe Balcony Suite  
24.2 square metres/260 square feet



#### Promenade Deck

Category: Premium Balcony Suite  
25.8 square metres/278 square feet



#### Promenade Deck

Category: Owner's Corner Balcony Suite  
34.2 square metres/368 square feet

Please note: dimensions include balcony. Deck and suite plans are indicative only and may vary slightly.

# General Information & Conditions

The following terms and conditions ("booking conditions") form the basis of your contract with Australian Pacific Touring Pty Ltd (APT, 'we' or 'our'). Please read them carefully as they set out your and our respective rights and obligations.

By asking us to confirm your booking, we are entitled to assume that you have had the opportunity to read, and have read these booking conditions; that you agree to them and that you agree to them applying to your holiday arrangements booked with us and which we agree to make, provide or perform (as applicable) as part of our contract with you. References in these booking conditions to your 'holiday package' are references to the tour or cruise package you have booked with APT. References to "excursions" are references to short trips or tours included or available as part of your holiday package.

## Governing Law

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

## BEFORE YOU BOOK

### Prices – Deposits – Discounts – Payments

Prices listed in this brochure are valid at the time of publication but are subject to change. They may be varied by advertising or special offers, or changed after the publication date for any reason, including without limitation, to cover changes in government taxes and charges, exchange rate variations, fuel surcharges, airline charges, a force majeure event or other material increases by suppliers. The most up to date pricing may be found on our website – [www.aptouring.co.nz](http://www.aptouring.co.nz). Prices will be confirmed at time of booking and honoured for up to seven days. Once the security deposit is paid the price will be guaranteed. A \$1,000 security deposit per person, per holiday package is required within seven days of receipt of booking confirmation. Deposit requirements may vary when booking a special offer. Final payment of the balance of your holiday package price is due 100 days prior to departure unless otherwise stated in the terms of a special offer. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or to refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by APT within the specified time. All fares and charges are in New Zealand currency. Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 100 days before departure from Australia or New Zealand. If APT is unable to confirm your reservation, all monies will be refunded.

### Travelling with Minors

Children of less than 8 years of age are not permitted on tours and cruises. Minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and share their accommodation with an adult.

### Included in Holiday Package Price

All coach/cruise and hotel accommodation, airfares (if indicated in individual itinerary), gratuities for staff (see below), airport transfers on the first and last day, sightseeing, specified excursions, meals as indicated, admissions, port charges, luggage service (one bag) and the services of a Cruise/Tour Director as stated in your itinerary.

### Transfers

Airport transfers are included on the first and last day of the tour package or with pre and post accommodation booked by APT. No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be re-routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Passengers who miss the pre-booked transfers must make their own way to/from the ship/hotel at their own expense.

### Not Included in Holiday Package Price

Airfares between New Zealand and Asia, airport taxes, laundry, passport and visa fees, meals or drinks other than those indicated in your itinerary, excess baggage and fuel surcharge.

### Choosing Your Holiday

The holidays contained within this brochure are for 2020 departures. To maximise the enjoyment of your APT holiday and to ensure that it lives up to your expectations it is important that you choose the right holiday package for you. Our brochures contain limited information, however there is more information online at [www.aptouring.co.nz](http://www.aptouring.co.nz) and our qualified staff are available to discuss your options.

### Gratuities

Gratuities for all staff on the land portion of your tour and on board your river cruise are included and cannot be redeemed for a cash refund.

### Hotels

Hotel rooms in China & Japan are often smaller than those in New Zealand. In more remote places, hotel standards may not be quite as high as in major centres. APT endeavours to utilise the most suitable accommodation available in each destination to ensure that passengers enjoy high levels of cleanliness, comfort and service. The hotels listed in this brochure will be used on almost all holiday packages, however, if a change is necessary for any reason, APT will endeavour to ensure that alternative accommodation is of an equivalent standard to the hotels shown. Hotel rooms are generally not available for check-in before 3.00 pm and require check-out by 10.00 am.

### Twin or Double Rooms

Accommodation in all hotels, regardless of the rating, is in standard rooms (sometimes named superior/deluxe) based on twins or doubles unless otherwise stated. In Japan, double beds are on a request basis in hotels and may not be able to be guaranteed.

### Cruising – Cabin/Suite/Stateroom Selection

Pre-allocated cabins are not available on the Sanctuary Yangtze Explorer cruise on the Yangtze River in China.

### Passengers Needing Special Assistance

APT welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs however, please note the following:

1. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be reported to APT at the time of booking including all important information relating to your health, mobility and fitness which may affect your partial or total participation in the cruise or tour. This information is also crucial to allow APT to ensure the tour you have

chosen is suitable and meets your needs. Any changes to health, mobility and fitness must also be reported to APT as soon as possible and prior to departure. Where possible APT will make reasonable adjustments to the tour to accommodate your special needs however, it cannot do so if the adjustment required would be unreasonable in all of the circumstances, including if such adjustments would affect your safety and/or the safety and/or enjoyment of other passengers.

2. If you require special assistance or care (such as pushing a wheelchair, assistance with dressing or assistance with walking), you must travel with a companion capable of providing the required assistance or care. Please be aware that APT does not provide personal assistance. APT is unable to assist any passenger with walking, dining, boarding or disembarking any transportation vehicles (including river and ocean cruise ships and trains). To safely participate in embarkation and disembarkation you must be able to do so without the need for special assistance. You must also be able to do so without unreasonably impacting other passengers' safety and/or enjoyment.

3. While APT will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of disabled passengers, it is not responsible for any denial of services by any third party entities it has travel arrangements with, such as carriers, hotels, trains, restaurants or other independent suppliers, or for any additional associated expenses charges by those parties.

4. Please note coaches and minibuses are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Most river and ocean ships have elevators, however not all APT ships have elevators. Many ships require the use of stairs to go between decks. Further, side by side docking may require passengers to climb and descend stairs to cross over vessels to disembark and embark at times. APT ships occasionally sail through remote areas that do not have convenient docking facilities. In such circumstances it will be necessary for passengers to negotiate temporary gangplanks and uneven surfaces. If the crew decide that it is not safe for a passenger to negotiate such operations they may require passengers to stay on board. Cabin doors and restrooms may not be wide enough to allow access by standard wheelchairs. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on coaches, due to space limitations. For safety reasons, passengers in wheelchairs cannot be carried on ramps in ports where the river or ocean cruise ship is at anchor.

### Health & Fitness

A good level of fitness and health is required to participate on APT's holiday packages. In some destinations there are extensive sightseeing excursions by foot which includes the climbing of stairs. Mobility is needed boarding or alighting coaches, river cruise ships and trains. We recommend a visit to the doctor before travelling to overseas destinations and consult with them regarding any vaccinations which may be required. It is your responsibility to advise APT of any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect the normal conduct of a holiday package and the enjoyment of other passengers.

### Altitude Sickness

Also known as acute mountain sickness (AMS), altitude sickness is a condition caused by ascending to high altitudes. Itineraries that travel in the Yunnan Province visit Lijiang (2,400 metres above sea level) and Shangri-la (3,300 metres above sea level). Itineraries that travel to Tibet visit Lhasa (3,700 metres above sea level). Some people can experience some effect from these high altitudes, and may suffer mildly from AMS. Symptoms can include: headache, lack of appetite, nausea, fatigue or weakness, dizziness or light-headedness. Symptoms can be reduced by ascending to higher altitudes slowly, which is how we have planned each itinerary. Please consult your doctor before departure.

### Visa & Passports

All passengers must have a valid passport that is valid for at least six months after the holiday package return date. Passengers must consult with the appropriate consulates to ensure that they have any applicable visas for countries included in the holiday package prior to departure. Passengers are solely responsible for meeting necessary passport and visa entry requirements and paying all associated costs. APT is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas. At the time of printing, the following applies:

China – Passengers must obtain a visa prior to departure from Australia.

Japan – Australian, New Zealand and British passport holders do not require a visa to enter Japan for stays up to 90 days. For all other nationalities please contact your local consulate.

### Shore Excursions

The timing of the shore excursions on all river cruise ship holiday packages may differ slightly for each package. The published times are a guide only and are subject to change without notice. It is impossible for large coaches to be used for some city sightseeing excursions and many towns and cities will be visited by way of walking tours and/or ox-carts or similar. For river cruising, clients must be able to climb ramps to embark or disembark river cruise ships. Depending on river levels, these may have a number of steep steps.

### Freedom of Choice™ & Signature Experience Excursions

Minimum and maximum group numbers apply on some Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience excursions. If your first choice of Freedom of Choice or Signature Experience excursion is unavailable you may be asked to choose an alternative.

### Public Holidays & Festivals

Virtually all countries have public holidays, religious or otherwise. The festivities may temporarily disrupt your holiday and some religious holidays may result in a reduction of facilities and entertainment.

### Superdeals, Fly Deals and Special Offers

Conditions Apply. For full terms and conditions relating to any Superdeal, Fly Deal or Special Offer on your booking, please go to [www.aptouring.co.nz/specialdeals](http://www.aptouring.co.nz/specialdeals)

### Other Special Offers

Special Deals and Special Offers other than those advertised in the brochure may be promoted by APT after the brochure is released. These new special deals/offers do not apply to existing bookings unless otherwise stated.

## BOOKING & PAYING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY

### Airfares

Air travel is arranged with independent airlines. APT will arrange air travel as advertised in connection with your holiday package or as otherwise arranged with APT. All airfares are subject to flight and booking class availability. Airfares will be booked and ticketed upon receipt of your deposit to avoid price or tax increases. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airline. Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and, in some cases, are non-refundable. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees. APT is not liable for delays or disruptions of air travel. Once tickets are issued, APT will have no other liability and will not be responsible for refunding the cost of any services booked in conjunction with the flights. Flying outside of the tour date range or re-routing your flight itinerary may incur additional surcharges.

### Flights within Asia

Economy flights within Asia and airport taxes are included in the price. All internal flights must be booked by APT. Airport taxes vary for each departure point and routing of airline. Airline schedules and fares are subject to change without notice. Flights will be based on best fare available at the time of booking, however surcharges may apply. Once air tickets are issued, airline amendment and/or cancellation fees apply and in some cases are non-refundable. Deposits are considered as a guarantee of the invoiced flight arrangements and once deposit received, flights will be ticketed. Name changes and voluntary date and schedule changes will incur fees.

### Out of Date Range Flights

If airlines have not published their schedule at the time that this brochure was printed, or at the time of booking, APT will estimate the cost of airfares connected with your holiday package. When the airline releases flight inventory and airfares, APT will confirm seats and pricing with you by sending you an updated invoice. Once flights have been confirmed by you and payment has been received, APT will issue your ticket/s.

### Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind

Applicable when an upfront fee of \$95 per person is paid with your deposit. The holiday package can be cancelled prior to the final payment date and your deposit will be retained as an APT holding credit to be used for future bookings. If Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind is claimed, monies held must be used on a future cruise or tour and cannot be redeemed against the original cruise or tour departure date. Deposit held in credit will exclude fees imposed by third parties, including but not limited to air travel, rail travel and hotels. When booking airfares through APT (including when taking advantage of a special offer that includes air travel), standard airline cancellation fees will apply. In some cases, airfares will be non-refundable. In the event of cancellation, these fees will be deducted from the deposit paid, and therefore the credit being held. APT Deposit Cancellation Peace of Mind applies to new bookings only and is only valid up until 100 days prior to travel. After three years, unused credit funds will incur the original cancellation conditions as per brochure. This does not replace travel insurance, which you are required to purchase at the time of booking.

### Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is not included in your holiday package. You are required to purchase comprehensive travel insurance that includes (without limitation) coverage for the cost of your holiday package, medical expenses, loss of luggage, cruise and land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, impossibility of performance or other frustration, disruption, loss of deposit or strikes, and provide a copy to us.

### Travel Information & Documents

After booking you will receive an invoice with all important information relevant to your holiday package. We strongly recommend you check the details carefully and read the included information. Please ensure that you check your flight timings carefully on your tickets, particularly early morning departures. Approximately 21 days before departure you will receive your e-ticket, together with your final itinerary. However, in the case of late bookings, charges or late payment, tickets may be emailed to you.

### Special Requests

Where a special request (eg. diet, room location, twin or double bedded room, a particular facility at a hotel, flight seat requests and/or particular meals) is an important factor in your choice of holiday, you must advise us when your booking is made. APT will pass your request on to the hotel, airline or other supplier but cannot guarantee that it will be accommodated. APT will also pass on any dietary requests to the airline but we strongly recommend that you check directly with the airline once your tickets have been issued. The provision of any special request does not constitute a term of your contract with us. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.

### Credit Card Surcharges

If you pay APT by credit card, a surcharge of between 1% and 3% will be added your tour price.

## IF YOU WANT TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY

### Changes or Additions to Your Holiday

If you want to change any part of your holiday arrangements after the invoice has been issued, we will do our best to make the change, but it may not be possible. Any request for changes must be made in writing by the person who made the original booking, or his or her



travel agent. If it is possible to make the change, it will be subject to an administration charge and payment of any further costs incurred as a result of the change.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

For all holiday packages in this brochure, the following APT cancellation fees apply:

Days of Notice:	Fee Per Person:
100 days or more	Loss of deposit
99-61 days	50% of holiday package price
60 days or less	100% of holiday package price

All cancellations must be received in writing by APT and are not effective until this notification has been received. If your holiday has commenced, 100% of the full holiday package price is charged. There is no refund for unused services or if portions of the holiday package are missed. Additional cancellation fees may also be charged in respect to accommodation reserved outside the holiday package dates. These cancellation fees are in addition to any fees that may be levied by APT and your travel agent (if any). You acknowledge that the amounts estimated under the Cancellation Policy are reasonable and represent a genuine pre-estimate of APT's loss and are otherwise reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT. If you request changes after APT has issued your documents, APT may charge you an administration and processing fee of \$70 per person in addition to any applicable cancellation fees.

#### **Cancellation of Ticketed Airfares**

An APT cancellation fee of \$50 per person applies for ticketed airfares, in addition to any airline cancellation fees that are applicable.

#### **Changes to Ticketed Airfares**

If you wish to amend the date or routing on your ticketed air booking, an APT amendment fee of \$30 per person for the first change and \$85 for any subsequent changes will be charged in addition to airline change fees and additional taxes that are applicable. If you wish to amend an already issued Singapore Stopover package, a \$30 per person APT change fee will apply along with any applicable airline fees. If, for any reason, a name change to a ticketed airfare is required, a \$125 per person name change fee will apply for every change in addition to any applicable airline fees.

#### **IF WE NEED TO CHANGE OR CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY**

APT endeavours to provide you with all the services confirmed to you at the time of your booking. However, we plan arrangements a long time in advance of your departure date using independent suppliers such as airlines, hotels etc., over whom we have no direct control. On occasions changes do have to be made, and APT reserves the right to cancel or amend holiday packages/excursions accordingly. All tours and cruises require a minimum number of bookings in order for the tour to be financially viable and to have a pleasant group atmosphere. In the event that adequate numbers cannot be achieved, it may be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and offer the nearest possible alternative date (or a full refund of monies paid for arrangements made by APT).

#### **Brochure Accuracy**

APT has endeavoured to ensure that the information given in this brochure about accommodation, itineraries etc., is correct to the best of its knowledge at the time of going to print. However, advertised descriptions, facilities and prices may change after publication. We recommend that you confirm the details of your chosen holiday package at the time of booking. Additionally, flight times, carriers and routes in the brochure are given for guidance only as there may be changes. Final details will be shown on your tickets. Holiday package or excursion itineraries may change or be different from those described in the brochure as a result of local conditions, weather conditions and annual events. APT will endeavour to notify you of any significant changes prior to your departure. APT does not advise the flight timings in the brochure nor do we provide this on your documentation, only the 'non-included' flights will appear on the itinerary.

#### **Flight Changes**

The flight timings shown in our brochure, on our website and detailed on your confirmation invoice are for guidance only and are subject to alteration and confirmation. Flight timings are set by airlines and affected by events outside our control. Scheduled and charter flight timings, and days of operation are also subject to change. APT will advise you of any significant changes as soon as it is informed by the airline. Minor timing changes will be shown on your flight tickets. Any change in the identity of the airline, flight timings or aircraft type (if advised) to APT will not entitle you to cancel or change to other arrangements without paying any applicable cancellation fees except where specified in these booking conditions.

#### **Force Majeure**

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond APT's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by APT, which includes, but is not limited to: (a) war, armed conflict, criminal damage, riot, civil strife, industrial dispute, terrorist activity or the threat of any such acts; (b) natural disaster (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; (c) nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; or (d) change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time.

#### **Termination of Booking Contract or Change of Travel Arrangements due to Force Majeure**

If APT, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents APT (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, APT may immediately by written notice:

- terminate the booking contract (in whole or in part); or
- change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice you for any additional costs.

#### **Limitation of Liability in the Event of Force Majeure**

In the event that APT cancels or changes your travel arrangements in any way due to a Force Majeure event, APT will not be liable to you in contract, tort, statute or restitution for any loss (including, but not

limited to, loss of deposit or purchase price and loss of enjoyment), damage, costs, charges, expenses or injury resulting from or in connection with (whether directly or indirectly): (a) the cancellation or change to your travel arrangements; or (b) the Force Majeure event. APT is not liable to refund any part of the deposit or purchase price paid by you if APT subsequently changes or cancels your travel arrangements in connection with a Force Majeure event. Force Majeure events are unpredictable and beyond APT's control.

As you are required to purchase travel insurance to adequately protect yourself against such risks, your policy needs to respond to these risks. You acknowledge and accept that these terms are reasonably necessary to protect the legitimate interests of APT based on expected non-recoverable costs and expenses to be incurred by APT, including but not limited to overhead expenses and works or services performed personally by APT, leading up to the commencement of the holiday package, alternatively prior to the Force Majeure event.

#### **ON HOLIDAY**

##### **Noise & Vibration**

APT takes reasonable steps to minimise noise and vibrations on its river cruise ships. You acknowledge and accept that some noise and vibration may be experienced on vessels and that APT is not liable to you for any such noise or vibration.

##### **Docking Position**

During port stops river cruise ships may dock side by side, obstructing views and requiring you to pass through other ships to embark or disembark.

##### **Local Purchases**

APT is not responsible for any items you may purchase locally i.e.: jewellery/furniture etc. You acknowledge that you are solely responsible for any import duty or freight costs.

##### **Personal Belongings & Lost Items**

For security reasons valuables should be kept to a minimum and packed in your hand luggage along with your medicines, camera, electrical or battery operated appliances, as well as basic essentials such as a change of clothing and toiletries. It is your responsibility to look after your property at all times and you must ensure you are adequately covered by comprehensive travel insurance in the event of any loss.

##### **Disruption to Cruising & Itinerary Arrangements**

Under normal operating conditions itineraries will be delivered as per the brochure. However, sometimes for reasons beyond our control, it may be necessary to make alterations to your itinerary. On occasion, significant flooding or low water levels do occur that can cause disruption to itineraries and may lead to early disembarkation. You are required to take out comprehensive travel insurance that includes coverage of events such as these, as we will not be liable for any direct or indirect costs incurred as a result of such events or other factors beyond our control happening. Additionally, you are not entitled to any refund for any alterations to your itinerary that are caused or contributed to by any flood or water level events or other such events which are beyond our control.

#### **ON RETURN FROM YOUR HOLIDAY**

##### **Data Protection Policy**

Any personal information (including sensitive information and health information) that APT obtains and retains from you or about you is necessary for our business purposes. Our Privacy Policy details why we collect this information, who we may disclose it to (including overseas recipients), and the main consequences if we do not collect it. Our Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may seek access to, or correction of, the personal information held about you, and our complaint resolution procedures. Our Privacy Policy is available at [www.aptouring.co.nz/privacy](http://www.aptouring.co.nz/privacy) or by request to us. By providing personal or sensitive information to us, you are agreeing to the terms of our Privacy Policy.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

##### **Limitation of Liability**

1. Our holiday packages include the services of independent providers, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of APT. Although we take care in selecting the independent service providers and the optional excursions conducted by some independent service providers, APT is not responsible for the conduct of the independent service providers, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Optional excursions may, depending on your holiday package, include activities such as climbing, exploring, bike riding, swimming and snorkelling. You accept and assume the risk involved with these activities.

2. If, in the opinion of any representative of APT, your mental or physical condition, or general behaviour is such as to affect your own health and safety, render you incapable to care for yourself, cause you to become a hazard to yourself or other passengers or result in you becoming objectionable to other passengers or staff, you will not be permitted to embark or continue on the whole or any part of the holiday package. Abuse or harassment of any kind toward crew, contracted suppliers or other guests may result in immediate removal from the tour or cruise. APT is not liable to you for any costs associated with such decision and you will not be refunded for any part of the holiday package.

3. APT accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, loss (including loss of enjoyment), damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) beyond its control.

4. Any term, condition or warranty express or implied by statute or otherwise in respect to the holiday packages contained in this brochure are excluded to the full extent permitted by law. Nothing in these booking conditions excludes, restricts or modifies the application of the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth) as amended, consolidated, supplemented or replaced.

5. To the full extent permitted by law, APT's liability arising under or in connection with these booking conditions: (a) is limited to the re-supply of the products or services or the payment of the cost of re-supply of the products or services to you; and (b) excludes liability for any indirect or consequential losses suffered by you or any third party, howsoever caused, including but not limited to pure economic loss or any special, extraordinary or punitive damage to you or any other party.

6. Your travel agent will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your travel agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the travel agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the travel agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of APT in respect to any monies paid to your travel agent unless and until APT notifies you (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by APT. APT reserves the right to cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by APT within the specified time.

##### **Responsible Service of Alcohol**

Our staff are trained in the responsible service of alcohol and are obligated by law to refuse service to any guest who, in their reasonable opinion, appears to be, or is intoxicated, or behaves in an aggressive or offensive manner.

##### **Medical Assistance**

APT does not employ medical staff on our tours or ships. If you require medical attention, local medical services can be contacted immediately. You are responsible for all charges that result from a visiting a medical facility, or for a medical practitioner visiting you. APT is not responsible for the type or quality of the medical services you may receive.

##### **APT Club**

Details including the range of benefits are available on our website at: [www.aptouring.co.nz/APTClub/MemberBenefits](http://www.aptouring.co.nz/APTClub/MemberBenefits). Platinum & Diamond level complimentary pre and post tour accommodation is to the value of \$350 per night per booking. Surcharges will apply if accommodation costs exceed this amount.

##### **Smoking**

For other passengers' comfort there is no smoking on coaches or river cruise ships, except in designated areas.

##### **Service Enquiries**

If a problem occurs during your holiday you should, in your own interests, advise your Tour/Cruise Director so that steps can be taken to resolve the matter. If you remain dissatisfied, any complaint must be made in writing to APT within 30 days.

##### **Luggage Limits**

Each passenger is entitled to take one piece of luggage that does not exceed 160 cm (62 inches), or weigh more than 20 kg (44 pounds). Dimensions for checked baggage are calculated by adding the width, height and depth of the piece of baggage. An extra charge will be imposed to cover portage handling of any additional luggage. Your Tour/Cruise Director will advise you of the exact additional charge. All luggage is at "owner's risk". You will be required to pack-down to one small carry-on bag for your stays in Kanazawa and Hiroshima.

##### **Maps Within This Publication**

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It has been a privilege to welcome so many guests aboard APT's award-winning journeys, and a joy to see those guests fall in love with each new experience the world presents. For many years, the unique spirit of our family-owned and operated company has set us apart – 2020 will be no exception. So it is with great pleasure that I invite you to Live Fully with APT.

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