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2020/2021

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Dear Travel Enthusiast,

Thank you for taking the time to peruse our China, Vietnam and Japan brochure for 2020-21. Our portfolio includes exquisite all-inclusive tours throughout China, Vietnam & Japan.

CTS Tours was established in 1928 and today are the largest independent wholesaler for China in the world. With hundreds of offices in China, we have a huge network to provide you fantastic holiday options. Years back, only the more adventurous travellers would venture into China. But now, closer relationships between our two countries in trade, culture, education, sport, visa policies and China's increasing desire to cater for the western travellers, our destinations are becoming more attractive to one of the worlds most educated travellers....New Zealanders!

#### Let us provide your preference

This year we have introduced more choices and opportunities so you can choose between a group set departure, or you can go as a couple or family on your own desired travel dates. Either way, the tours are just as exciting. You just need to decide how many will join the party!

#### Take some time to visit our neighbours

Vietnam and Japan are also high on the New Zealand travellers wish list. CTS Tours offers the same great quality and value there, as we do in China. School trips are also very popular to these destinations and we have amazing group tour deals and tailored packages to suit business, leisure and special interest groups. With the growing airline activity to Taiwan CTS Tours also introduces some amazing tour opportunities to this part of the world also. Further proof that at CTS Tours, you get to experience the real Asia.

#### Something for everyone

Most first time travellers to China generally visit the golden triangle Beijing, Shanghai and Xian's ancient Terra-Cotta army. The 144 hour China visa clearance have offered many travellers the option of stopping on their way to Europe or on their return, while repeat visitors can choose from cruising the Yangtze, Panda cuddling in Chengdu, finding ones spiritual self in Tibet, trekking in Mongolia, taking in the breathtaking views of Southern China, travelling the ancient Silk Road or freshening up that tan during the New Zealand winter on the sun-soaked beaches of Hainan Island. There really is something for everyone.

#### What are your interests?

CTS Tours have been called upon to arrange special interest tours. From civic delegations to China, corporate engagements, school educational tours, sports and music groups to group tours for the seniors. You can count on us to suggest some tailored activities to fit around your teams main focus for going to China. A journey to Asia is more than 5,000 years of history woven magically through a vast and diverse landscape.

Let CTS Tours assist in delivering all your travel goals throughout Asia.

Our experienced travel professionals will work to provide an itinerary as interesting and memorable, as the destination itself.

Welcome to CTS Tours

Yours sincerely Lisa Li

Managing Director

"China is a great place for New Zealanders to spend their time, and I believe many more Kiwis will travel there. Today's China is very different from when I first visited. The main centres are modern, diverse centres with so much to offer visitors. It is fast becoming a must-see on the list of many New Zealanders"

Quote from former Prime Minister Sir John Key From the book "My Memorable China Travel Experience"

# WHY CTS Tours?

#### **GREAT PRICES**

China Travel Service is the largest travel organisation in China, and we are able to negotiate substantial discounts from travel suppliers, offering you the best value for money on your next trip due to our large purchasing power.

#### PERSONALISED SERVICE

We provide our customers personalised service, from our experienced tour planners in New Zealand, as well as our National and Local guides in Asia. Our staff are experienced professionals that know China and many of its secrets. They offer friendly and efficient service at every stage of your journey.

#### **GREAT ITINERARIES**

As a specialty Asian tour operator, we are able to offer a great deal more to our customers. We approach even the most well

known sights from a fresh angle with our in-depth knowledge. By complementing the more famous destinations with the less 'travelled to' sights, we believe we can give you a more authentic experience.

#### **GOOD QUALITY HOTELS**

We offer good-quality Western style hotels in Asia.

#### DELICIOUS MEALS

We include a mixture of local specialty Asian cuisine, as well as Western buffet breakfasts during our tour.

#### MORE FREE TIME

We include some free time throughout the tour so you are free to explore, or do nothing at all! We respect that occasionally you will want to spend time on your own or with your travelling partner at your own pace.

#### VALUE INCLUSIONS

When you book a group tour with us, you can rest assured that we include all international and domestic airfares, airport tax, entrance fees, transportation, most meals and the service of the tour guides as indicated in your itinerary. If time permits, our tour guides will offer you some more sightseeing options in addition to your scheduled itinerary to add to your tour experience.

#### **AIRLINE OPTIONS**

We offer more options for airlines, giving you the ultimate choice to decide if you want to go to Asia directly, or stopover enroute for an extended holiday. Please advise your consultant if there is a country you would like to visit before your tour and we will try our best to match an appropriate airfare for you.

# CTS New Zealand based team



The CTS team are the real difference as a tour operator, much more than a travel company.

They come from all over Asia as qualified specialists that will look after all details from planning until after you return with 24/7 service provided locally for hassle free travel.

# CHINA

Today, China holds a very strong position among the world's top tourist destinations. It comes as no surprise, though, when you consider the country's unique cultural heritage and natural treasures, whose extreme significance is emphasised by UNESCO. Go with CTS Tours and we will offer you incredible travel experience.

# **CHINA** DISCOVERY

BEIJING - WUXI - SUZHOU - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI

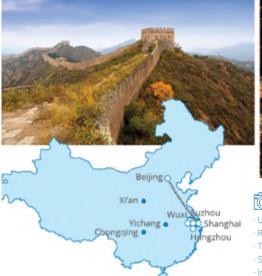


2020 - 11 DAYS FROM NZD

# \$2,399 per person twin-share <sup>∞</sup> + <sup>∞</sup> + <sup>∞</sup> + <sup>∞</sup> + <sup>∞</sup> + <sup>∞</sup> + <sup>∞</sup>

As its name suggests, this tour is designed to give you a sample of China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries, and modern architecture. Walk along the Great Wall and unfold the mystery of the Forbidden City in China's capital Beijing, discover the exquisite cities of Wuxi, Suzhou, and Hangzhou - known for their natural beauty, according to a Chinese saying. Finally, immerse yourself in dynamic, cosmopolitan Shanghai.





Images: 1. Forbidden City, 2. Great wall, 3. West Lake,

4. Wangfujing, 5. Tiananmen Square,

6. The Golden Mask Dynatsy, 7. Summer Palace, 8. Shanghai, 9. Terracotta Army,

10. Great Wild Goose Pagoda,

11. Impression of West Lake, 12. Huangpu River Cruise

#### DAY 01: Arrive in Beijing

Fly to Beijing. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and will transfer to the hotel. Note: Some flights may depart the day before.

#### DAY 02: Beijing (B, L, D)

Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck.

#### DAY 03: Beijing (B, L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. You will also visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a cloisonné factory. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, The Golden Mask Dynasty (\$85).

#### DAY 04: Beijing (B, L)

Today, tour the exquisite Summer Palace, the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for emperors, followed by the Panda House at Beijing Zoo to see China's adorable national treasure – the Giant Panda. Then visit a Chinese herbal institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine which has existed for thousands of years, as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage. Later, you can join an optional Hutong Life Tour (\$80), a special journey which explores Beijing's ancient alleyways or 'hutongs' by pedicab, or take a stroll in Wangfujing, one of the Chinese capital's most famous shopping streets. Cap off the day by attending a thrilling Chinese Kung Fu Show (\$85).



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Uncover the mystery of Beijing's Forbidden City
Race across China on a high-speed bullet train from Beijing to Wuxi
Take a boat ride on tranquil West Lake in Hangzhou
Stroll in one of the finest Chinese gardens in Suzhou
Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai

#### DAY 05: Beijing Wuxi (B, D)

Take a high speed train to Wuxi, an ancient city richly endowed with natural attractions due to its pleasantly warm and moist climate. Wuxi boasts a reputation of being the 'Land of Fish and Rice'. Enjoy the scenery as we pass by Lake Tai, the third-largest freshwater lake in China. This evening, go sightseeing around Nanchang Street and take a cruise along the Grand Canal (\$40) to view life along what was known as 'China's golden waterway' in its heyday. Then, take a stroll along the trendy pedestrian streets composed of both ancient and modern architecture.

#### DAY 06: Wuxi 🔛 Suzhou (B, L)

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

#### DAY 07: Suzhou 🔚 Hangzhou (B, L, D)

This morning visit a silk spinning mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. After lunch, travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional open-air performance, Impression West Lake (\$90), a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony.

#### DAY 08: Hangzhou 🔚 Shanghai (B, L)

Experience tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. Then travel by coach to Shanghai, a vibrant metropolis and the commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined with colonial architecture of European design, it is the best place to capture the Western influences of the old days. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure strolling along the bustling shopping district, Nanjing Road. Tonight you can watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show (\$85).

#### DAY 09: Shanghai (B, D)

After breakfast, visit Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck (88th floor) for a panoramic view of Huangpu River and the Bund. After lunch, head to the Old Street in the City God Temple area, symbolic of the large temple complex and surrounding traditional district of commerce in the city. After tonight's farewell celebration dinner, you can cap off the celebrations by joining an optional Huangpu River Cruise (\$45) for a glimpse of the dazzling and charming view of Shanghai.

#### DAY 10: Depart Shanghai (B)

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

#### DAY 11: Arrive Home







#### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Xi'an Terracotta Warriors 2 Nights

from NZD\$900; single supplement NZD\$130; includes

- + Economy class flights
- + 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
- + 2 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 1 dinner (D)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Admissions to scenic attractions
- + English speaking tour guide
- Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$40

#### DAY 01: Arrive in Xi'an

Board your international flight to Xi'an. Your tour guide will greet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to rest. Note: Some flights may depart the dav before.

#### DAY 02: Xi'an (B, L, S)

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

#### DAY 03: Xi'an 🔨 Beijing (B, L)

After breakfast, visit the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum. The museum is one of China's largest, and houses over 370,000 items, including murals, paintings, pottery, coins, as well as bronze, gold, and silver objects. Enjoy a special noodle lunch including an interesting noodle making demonstration. Then visit the Great Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of the city. Later, walk along the Ancient City Wall, which is not only the most complete city wall to survive in China, but also one of the largest ancient military defence systems in the world. Fly out of Xi'an in the evening to continue your holiday.









#### **3** 2020 DEPARTURES

07 Mar^	18 Apr*	23 May	25 Jul	10 Oct
14 Mar^	25 Apr	30 May	01 Aug	17 Oct
21 Mar^	02 May	13 Jun	22 Aug	
28 Mar^	09 May	27 Jun**	05 Sep	
04 Apr*	16 May	04 Jul**	12 Sep	

\*Peak season surcharge: NZD\$350 \*\*School holiday surcharge: NZD\$450 ^Yangtze River Cruise Extension is not available Single supplement: NZD\$600

#### Contraction Continues

AKL: Airfare included

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+ Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes (eg. China Eastern/Southern Airlines or similar) • 9 nights 4-5 star (local rating) hotel accomm. 8 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 4 Dinners (D) Beijing to Wuxi High-speed bullet train Coach transportation & transfers Selected sightseeing & entrance fees · English speaking tour guide(s)

#### $\times$ exclusions

· Prepaid tipping: NZD\$110 · China visa · Optional programs · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

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

Economy class: Cathay Pacific/Singapore Airlines fr NZD\$550 Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr NZD\$2420 Business class: China Eastern/Southern fr \$NZD2750, Cathay Pacific/Singapore Air fr NZD\$4510

#### **EXTEND YOUR STAY**

· Early Arrival/Stay Behind fare difference: fr \$280 · Hotel w/breakfast: \$90 twin-share, \$180 single

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Beijing	Wyndham Beijing North
Suzhou	Suzhou QingShan Hotel
Wuxi	Days Hotel Baile Wuxi
Hangzhou	Merchant Marco Garden Hotel
Shanghai	Howard Johnson Hongqiao Hotel

#### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)**

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$85
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	\$80
Beijing	Chinese Kung Fu Show	\$85
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$40
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	\$90
Shanghai	Chinese Acrobatic Show	\$85
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$45

All prices are per person twin-share in NZD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Hotel locations can be within or outside itinerary cities and may not be centrally located. Double-bedded rooms are not guaranteed. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final itineraries and flight info may not be available until within 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver31JUL2019





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

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



#### **VIP Package Inclusions**

#### Yangtze Gold Cruise ships: +NZD\$165

- · Free upgrade to higher floor (4th-5th floor)
- $\cdot$  Complimentary coffee, tea & snacks at happy hour in the afternoon
- Access to VIP restaurant (an optional a la carte menu will be available at extra cost)
- $\cdot$  Unlimited local wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch & dinner
- · Express check in and check out service
- · Room turn-down service
- · Welcome fruit basket in cabin
- · VIP area reserved for evening entertainment
- · 2 hours free internet for each sailing

Note: Inclusions & prices are subject to change without prior notice.

#### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 4 Nights

- from NZD\$1400; single supplement NZD\$850; includes
- · Economy class flights or high-speed train (subject to availability)
- · 4 nights standard Cabin with private balcony (twin-share)
- 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- All transfers
- · 3 shore excursions (subject to change & favourable weather conditions)
- · English speaking guide (on board)
- Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$60 & optional shore excursions

Note: Aboard Yangtze Gold 1, 2, 6 or 7, President 7, or similar. Cruise ship is subject to change. Triple share is not available. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard. Cruise itinerary including all arrival, departure times & shore excursions are subject to change.

#### DAY 10: Shanghai 1 / K Yichang Yangtze River Cruise (D)

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

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

#### DAY 11: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

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

Arr/Dept	Events
08:00	Briefing on the cruise
08:00-09:00	Passing the Xiling Gorge (East Part)
09:00-11:00	Shore excursion: Three Gorges Dam Site
11:00-13:00	<b>Shore excursion:</b> Visit Ba and Tujia ethnic minorities of the Three Gorges. Experience a charming reenactment of traditional life ways in a peaceful hillside village setting (optional)
13:30-15:30	Passing the Three Gorges Dam
16:00	Sail through 5-stage shiplock
18:00	Captain's Welcome Dinner
20:00	Evening entertainment

#### DAY 12: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

**Events** 

Populated since at least the Han Dynasty (206 BC–220 AD), this once-wild tributary to the Yangtze has calmed since the construction of the Tree Gorges Dam. This charming gorge and the surrounding forest park are named for Shen Nong, the mythical 'Divine Farmer', who is said to have taught the ancient Chinese the secrets of agriculture, herbal medicine, the solar calendar, and brewing tea.

Arr/Dept	
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	Breakfast
-12:00	Shore excursion: Shennong Stream
-17:00	Sail through Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge
	Shore excursion: White Emperor City (optional)

#### DAY 13: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D) Arr/Dept Events

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)	Breakfast
-10:30	Shore excursion: Shibaozhai Pagoda
-12:30	Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost City (optional)
-16:00	Lectures
	Farewell Dinner

#### DAY 14: Depart Chongqing (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing at 9am. Transfer to the airport to board your flight to home.

DAY 15: Arrive Home

# **CHINA** GOLDEN TRIANGLE

XI'AN - BEIJING - WUXI - SUZHOU - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI



2020 - 12 DAYS FROM NZD



This package offers an amazing opportunity to discover China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries, and modern architecture. Discover the incomparable mausoleum of China's first emperor, populated with an army of terracotta soldiers and their armoured horses. Walk along the Great Wall, and unfold the mystery of the Forbidden City in China's capital Beijing. Discover the exquisite cities Wuxi, Suzhou, and Hangzhou – known for their lakes, canals, and classical gardens. Finally, immerse yourself in the glamour of cosmopolitan Shanghai. A wide range of optional activities, such as shows, cruises, and special meals, are available for you to tailor your holiday to your preferences.

mage: Terracotta Army, Xi'an





#### DAY 01: Arrive in Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an via connecting cities and transfer to the hotel. Note: Some flights may depart the day before.

#### DAY 02: Xi'an (B, L, S)

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#### DAY 03: Xi'an 💥 Beijing (B, L)

After breakfast, visit the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum. The museum is one of China's largest, and houses over 370,000 items, including murals, paintings, pottery, coins, as well as bronze, gold, and silver objects. Enjoy a special noodle lunch including an interesting noodle making demonstration. Then visit the Great Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of the city. Later, walk along the Ancient City Wall, which is not only the most complete city wall to survive in China, but also one of the largest ancient military defence systems in the world. Fly out of Xi'an in the evening to continue your holiday.

#### DAY 04: Beijing (B)

After breakfast, visit Tiananmen Square in the centre of Beijing. The square is named after the Tiananmen (Gate of Heavenly Peace) located to its north, which provides entry to the famed Forbidden City. The square contains the Monument to the People's Heroes, Great Hall of the People, National Museum of China, and the Mausoleum of Chairman Mao Zedong.

#### **Optional activities**

You may also wish to take an **optional Forbidden** City Tour (NZD\$95): discover the former seat of the emperors throughout the Ming and Qing dynasties. It is a true architectural masterpiece, and is home to the fascinating National Palace Museum.



#### Ôi HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the first emperor of China's incomparable Terracotta Army Walk on the incredible Great Wall near Beijing
- Sit by tranquil West Lake in Hangzhou, beloved by Marco Polo
- Stroll in one of the finest Chinese classical gardens in  $\ensuremath{\textbf{Suzhou}}$
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai
- Enjoy a wide range of optional shows, activities, and special meals

#### Peking Duck Lunch (NZD\$60): Dine on Peking Duck.

Authentic Old Beijing Tour, with Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour, and Dinner (NZD\$125): The Temple of Heaven is recognised as a world heritage site by UNESCO. It is an architectural masterpiece, and was built between 1406 and 1460 AD. The temple was used by China's emperors for ceremonies honouring the god of harvests. Then, take a rickshaw tour of Beijing's ancient Hutong neighbourhoods, and visit a local family. This package also includes a traditional Beijing Noodle dish - zhajiangmian (fried bean sauce noodles) meal at a local restaurant. A speciality of Beijing, zhajiangmian is cooked by mixing noodles with vegetables and fried soybean sauce.

#### DAY 05: Beijing (B, L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, one of the Seven Wonders of the World! You'll have a chance to climb a portion of this 6,000km marvel, at Juyong Pass. Then tour the iconic Beijing 2008 Olympic Centre; which includes the famous Bird's Nest and Water Cube stadiums, which now host many spectacular events. You'll see these magnificent structures from the outside, providing a perfect photo opportunity. You'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en route, and after lunch, see skilled artisans work at a cloisonné factory.

#### **Optional activity**

The Golden Mask Dynasty (NZD\$85): Be amazed by the colour, music, and action of this large-scale stage production (evening).

#### DAY 06: Beijing 🔟 / 🚜 Suzhou (B)

Today, tour the exquisite Summer Palace, the largest preserved ancient garden in China, and formerly a summer resort for emperors. This is followed by a visit to a Chinese herbal medicine institute, and learn about this ancient medical tradition. Then, take a high speed train to Suzhou. Alternatively, the group may fly to Shanghai and

travel the short distance to Suzhou by bus.

Note: The mode of transport (flight or train) will be confirmed by the time final documentation is ready hence within 2 weeks prior to departure.

#### DAY 07: Suzhou Wuxi (B, L)

Suzhou has long been known as the 'Venice of the East', for its exquisite canals, bridges, pagodas, and beautiful gardens, and is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site. After breakfast, tour the Lingering Garden, a classic private garden with 500 years of history. Next, visit the largest silk factory in the country, and discover how silk is manufactured from mulberry- munching silkworms.

You may also take an **optional cruise along the** Grand Canal (NZD\$55): Cruise on China's Grand Canal, at 1,776km long and reaching all the way to Beijing, this massive engineering feat was unparalleled in the ancient world.

Late afternoon, we continue to Wuxi and visit Three Kingdoms City, which is a major CCTV (China Central Television) production studio, and a renowned tourist attraction. The Romance of the Three Kingdoms, a historical TV series, was filmed there.

#### DAY 08: Wuxi 🔡 Hangzhou (B, L)

This morning, tour beautiful Li Lake (Lihu), which is the most scenic corner of Wuxi's huge Lake Tai (Taihu), followed by a visit to a freshwater pearl exhibition and store. Continue on to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival,

You may take an optional cruise on the serene West Lake (Xihu) (NZD\$65), which the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and is noted for its scenic beauty, which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites.

In the evening, you may wish to attend *Enduring* Memories of Hangzhou (Feb-Oct) (NZD\$105), and see the story of West Lake come alive before your eves.







#### DAY 09: Hangzhou Shanghai (B, L)

Experience tea-tasting at the **Dragon Well Tea Plantation**, which produces some of the the best 'Longjing' Green Tea in China. After lunch we drive to Shanghai. **The Bund**, on the **Huangpu River** and lined by historical architecture of European design, is the best place to capture the Western influences of the colonial era. Then, visit the **City God Temple Bazaar**, which is composed of stores selling traditional Chinese arts and crafts, medicine, and souvenirs. Tonight you can watch a thrilling *Chinese acrobatic show*. *SPIRAL* (NZD\$95): A thrilling Chinese acrobatic show, featuring dance, drama, music, and multimedia effects.

#### DAY 10: Shanghai (B, L)

In the morning, tour **Shanghai Museum**, to see ancient Chinese art, furniture, and jade, followed by a visit to an emerald exhibition centre.

#### **Optional activities**

In the afternoon, you may enjoy an **optional half day tour of the Jin Mao Tower and Xintiandi** (NZD\$95): visit the Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck on the 88th floor, for a panoramic view of the Huangpu River and the Bund. Xintiandi holds the historical and cultural legacy of the city. It was the site of the first congress of the Chinese Communist Party, but is now the most expensive place to live in China.

You may enjoy an **optional Huangpu River cruise** (NZD\$85): Get a glimpse of of Shanghai, with the colonial-era Bund on one side and the futuristic skyscrapers of Lujiazui financial district on the other.

#### DAY 11: Depart Shanghai (B)

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

#### DAY 12: Arrive Home











#### **2020 DEPARTURES**

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04 Apr**	30 May	25 Jul	12 Sep*	
11 Apr**	06 Jun	01 Aug	19 Sep**	

\*Peak season surcharge: NZD\$350 Single supplement: NZD\$1600 Note: Minimum 6 passengers are required to operate this tour.

#### CEPARTURE OPTIONS

• AKL: Airfare included

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- · Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes
- (eg. China Eastern/Southern Airlines or similar)
- $\cdot$  10 nights 3-4 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- · 10 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L) & 1 dinner (D) · Xi'an to Beijing internal flight
- · Beijing to Shanghai internal flight or
- High-speed bullet train from Beijing to Suzhou
- Coach transportation & transfers
   Selected sightseeing & entrance fees
- English speaking tour guide(s)

#### ⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- Compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$120
   China visa
   Optional programs
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
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#### AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

• Economy class: Cathay Pacific/Singapore Airlines fr NZD\$550

#### CC EXTEND YOUR STAY

Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$280
Hotel w/breakfast: \$90 twin-share, \$180 single
Private transfer: \$150 per way (max. 3 ppl)

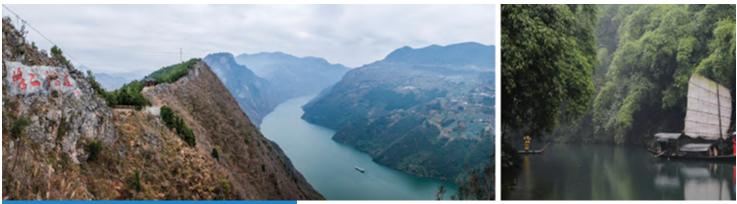
#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Xi'an	Titan Times Hotel
Beijing	Ramada Beijing North
Suzhou	Ramada Suzhou
Wuxi	Jinjiang Grand Hotel Wuxi
Hangzhou	Meiziqing Hotel Hangzhou
Shanhai	Crystal Orange Hotel Shanghai
Hangzhou	Meiziqing Hotel Hangzhou

#### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)**

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Beijing	Forbidden City Tour	\$95
Beijing	Peking Duck Lunch	\$60
Beijing	Authentic Old Beijing Tour: Temple	
	of Heaven, Hutong Tour & Dinner	\$125
Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$85
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$55
Hangzhou	West Lake Cruise	\$65
Hangzhou	Enduring Memories of Hangzhou	\$105
Shanghai	Half day tour to Jin Mao Tower	
	and Xintiandi	\$95
Shanghai	SPIRAL Acrobatic Show	\$95
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$85

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#### **VIP PACKAGE INCLUSIONS** Yangtze Gold Cruise ships: +NZD\$165

- · Free upgrade to higher floor (4th-5th floor)
- · Complimentary coffee, tea & snacks at happy hour in the afternoon
- · Access to VIP restaurant (an optional a la carte menu will be available at extra cost)
- · Unlimited local wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch & dinner
- · Express check in and check out service
- Room turn-down service
- · Welcome fruit basket in cabin
- · VIP area reserved for evening entertainment
- · 2 hours free internet for each sailing
- Note: Inclusions & prices are subject to change without prior notice.

#### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION **Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 4 Nights**

from NZD\$1400; single supplement NZD\$850; includes

- · Economy class flights or high-speed train (subject to availability)
- · All transfers
- · 4 nights standard Cabin with private balcony (twin-share)
- · 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) & dinners (D)
- · 3 shore excursions (subject to change & favourable weather conditions)
- · English speaking guide (on board)

Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$60 & optional shore excursions

Note: Aboard Yangtze Gold 1, 2, 6 or 7, President 7, or similar. Cruise ship is subject to change. Triple share is not available. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard. Cruise itinerary including all arrival, departure times & shore excursions are subject to change.

#### DAY 11: Shanghai 🐥 / 🛄 Yichang 🛛 Yangtze River Cruise (D)

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

Arr/Dept

**Events** 19:00-20:00 Board the ship at Yichang Dock **Departs Yichang** 24:00

#### DAY 11: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

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

Arr/Dept	Events
08:00	Briefing on the cruise
08:00-09:00	Passing the Xiling Gorge (East Part)
09:00-11:00	Shore excursion: Three Gorges Dam Site
11:00-13:00	Shore excursion: Visit Ba and Tujia ethnic minorities of the Three
	Gorges. Experience a charming reenactment of traditional life ways
	in a peaceful hillside village setting (optional)
13:30-15:30	Passing the Three Gorges Dam
16:00	Sail through 5-stage shiplock
18:00	Captain's Welcome Dinner
20:00	Evening entertainment

#### DAY 13: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

Populated since at least the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD), this once-wild tributary to the Yangtze has calmed since the construction of the Tree Gorges Dam. This charming gorge and the surrounding forest park are named for Shen Nong, the mythical 'Divine Farmer', who is said to have taught the ancient Chinese the secrets of agriculture, herbal medicine, the solar calendar, and brewing tea.

#### Arr/Dept

06:30	Breakfast
08:00-12:00	Shore excursion: Shennong Stream
13:30-17:00	Sail through Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge
17:30	Shore excursion: White Emperor City (optional)

#### DAY 14: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

**Events** 

Arr/Dept	Events
07:00	Breakfast
08:30-10:30	Shore excursion: Shibaozhai Pagoda
10:30-12:30	Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost City (optional)
14:00-16:00	Lectures
18:00	Farewell Dinner

#### DAY 15: Depart Chongqing (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing at 9am. Transfer to the airport to board your flight to home.

DAY 16: Arrive Home

# CHINA DISCOVERY AND HONG KONG

BEIJING - WUXI - SUZHOU - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI - HONG KONG



2020 - -14 DAYS FROM NZD



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As its name suggests, this tour is designed to give you a sample of China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries, and modern architecture. Walk along the Great Wall and unfold the mystery of the Forbidden City in China's capital Beijing, discover the exquisite cities of Wuxi, as well as Suzhou and Hangzhou – known for its natural beauty. Before leaving the mainland, immerse yourself in the dynamic and cosmopolitan Shanghai. Due to the popularity of Hong Kong as a mecca for food and shopping, and other assorted charms, we have added a three night stopover there on the return leg of your China tour.

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Uncover the mystery of Beijing's Forbidden City
Race across China on a high-speed bullet train from Beijing to Wuxi
Take a boat ride on tranquil West Lake in Hangzhou
Stroll in one of the finest Chinese gardens in Suzhou
Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai
Enjoy three days and nights at leisure in the island city of Hong Kong

#### DAY 01: Arrive in Beijing

Fly to Beijing. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and will transfer to the hotel. *Note: Some flights may depart the day before.* 

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#### DAY 02: Beijing (B, L, D)

Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, and the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, **Peking Roast Duck**.

#### DAY 03: Beijing (B, L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall** at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. You will also visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a cloisonné factory. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, *The Golden Mask Dynasty* (\$85).

#### DAY 04: Beijing (B, L)

Today, tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for emperors, followed by the **Panda House** at Beijing Zoo to see China's adorable national treasure – the Giant Panda. Then visit a Chinese herbal institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine which has existed for thousands of years, as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage. Later, you can join an optional *Hutong Life Tour* (\$80), a special journey which explores Beijing's ancient alleyways or 'hutongs' by pedicab, or take a stroll in **Wangfujing**, one of the Chinese capital's most famous shopping streets. Cap off the day by attending a thrilling *Chinese Kung Fu Show* (\$85).

#### DAY 05: Beijing 🔟 Wuxi (B, D)

Take a high speed train to Wuxi, an ancient city richly endowed with natural attractions due to its pleasantly warm and moist climate. Wuxi boasts a reputation of being the 'Land of Fish and Rice'. Enjoy the scenery as we pass by **Lake Tai**, the third-largest freshwater lake in China. This evening, go sightseeing around **Nanchang Street** and *take a cruise along the Grand Canal* (\$40) to view life along what was known as 'China's golden waterway' in its heyday. Then, take a stroll along the trendy pedestrian streets composed of both ancient and modern architecture.

#### DAY 06: Wuxi Suzhou (B, L)

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

#### DAY 07: Suzhou Hangzhou (B, L, D)

This morning visit a silk spinning mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. After lunch, travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional open-air performance, Impression **West Lake** (\$90), a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony.

#### DAY 08: Hangzhou

Experience tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. Then travel by coach to Shanghai, a vibrant metropolis and the commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined with colonial architecture of European design, it is the best place to capture the Western influences of the old days. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure strolling along the bustling shopping district, **Nanjing Road**. Tonight you can watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show (\$85).

#### DAY 09: Shanghai (B, D)

After breakfast, visit **Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck** (88th floor) for a panoramic view of Huangpu River and the Bund. After lunch, head to the **Old Street** in the City God Temple area, symbolic of the large temple complex and surrounding traditional district of commerce in the city. After tonight's farewell celebration dinner, you can cap off the celebrations by joining an optional *Huangpu River Cruise* (\$45) for a glimpse of the dazzling and charming view of Shanghai.

#### DAY 10: Shanghai Kong (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Hong Kong. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

#### DAY 11: Half-day Hong Kong Island Tour (B)

Enjoy a half-day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting Victoria Peak for incredible views of the city, Stanley Market for shopping and local character, and Aberdeen Fishing Village, to see sampans and houseboats framed against the soaring skyscrapers of the city. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.









#### DAY 12: Hong Kong Free Day at Leisure (B)

Today is free and easy at your leisure. Track down some famous Hong Kong red roast pork or dumpling noodle soup, photograph the densely built-up cityscape, or just lose yourself in the hustle and bustle of this unique island metropolis.

#### You may choose to join one of our optional activities (NZD):

- 1. Ocean Park General Admission + Transfers (\$145)
- 2. Disneyland Admission + One Way Transfer (\$165)
- 3. Tsing Ma Lantau Monastery Tour + Vegetarian Lunch (\$185)
- 4. Macau Day Tour + Lunch (\$185)

#### DAY 13: Depart Hong Kong (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

#### DAY 14: Arrive Home







#### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Xi'an Terracotta Warriors 2 Nights

from NZD\$900; single supplement NZD\$130; includes

- + Economy class flights
- + 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin share)
- + 2 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 1 dinner (D)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Admissions to scenic attractions
- + English speaking tour guide
- Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$40

#### DAY 01: Arrive in Xi'an

Board your international flight to Xi'an. Your tour guide will greet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to rest. Note: Some flights may depart the day before.

#### DAY 02: Xi'an (B, L, S)

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

#### DAY 03: Xi'an 🔆 Beijing (B, L)

After breakfast, visit the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum. The museum is one of China's largest, and houses over 370,000 items, including murals, paintings, pottery, coins, as well as bronze, gold, and silver objects. Enjoy a special noodle lunch including an interesting noodle making demonstration. Then visit the **Great Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city. Later, walk along the **Ancient City Wall**, which is not only the most complete city wall to survive in China, but also one of the largest ancient military defence systems in the world. Fly out of Xi'an in the evening to continue your holiday.

#### **3** 2020 DEPARTURES

07 Mar^	18 Apr*	23 May	25 Jul	10 Oct
14 Mar^	25 Apr	30 May	01 Aug	17 Oct
21 Mar^	02 May	13 Jun	22 Aug	
28 Mar	09 May	27 Jun**	05 Sep	
04 Apr*	16 May	04 Jul**	12 Sep	

\*Peak season surcharge: NZD\$350 \*\*School Holiday Surcharge: NZD\$450

<sup>^</sup>Yangtze River Cruise Extension is not available Single supplement: NZD\$950

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- AKL: Airfare included
- CHC/WLG/ZQN: fr +NZD\$400

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- · Intl. economy airfares & taxes with Cathay Pacific or Qantas
- $\cdot$  12 nights 4-5 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- · 12 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L), 4 Dinners (D)
- · High-speed train from Beijing to Wuxi
- · Coach transportation & transfers
- $\cdot$  Selected sightseeing & entrance fees
- $\cdot \, \text{English speaking tour guide(s)}$

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- · Compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$110
- $\cdot$  Optional programs
- · China visa
- · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

#### CC EXTEND YOUR STAY

· Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$280

• Hotel w/breakfast: China: \$90 twin-share, \$180 single (excludes private transfer: \$150 per way max. 3 ppl). Hong Kong: fr \$100 twin-share, \$200/single (include seat-in-coach transfer)

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Beijing	Wyndham Beijing North
Wuxi	Days Hotel Baile Wuxi
Suzhou	Suzhou Qingshan Hotel
Hangzhou	Merchant Marco Garden Hotel
Shanghai	Howard johnson Hongqiao Hotel
Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees

#### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)**

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$85
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	\$80
Beijing	Chinese Kung Fu Show	\$85
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$40
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	\$90
Shanghai	Chinese Acrobatic Show	\$85
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$45
Hong Kong	Big Bus Single Route	\$50



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### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 4 Nights

from NZD\$1400; single supplement NZD\$850; includes

- · Economy class flights or high-speed train (subject to availability)
- All transfers
- · 4 nights standard Cabin with private balcony (twin-share)
- · 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) & dinners (D)
- · 3 shore excursions (subject to change & favourable weather conditions)
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- Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$60 & optional shore excursions

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Arr/Dept **Events** 19.00-20.00 Board the ship at Yichang Dock | 24:00 Departs Yichang

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#### DAY 13: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

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10:30-12:30	Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost Cit	у (	optiona	l)
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#### DAY 14: Depart Chongqing (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing at 9am. Transfer to the airport to board your flight to Hong Kong.

- DAY 15: Half-day Hong Kong Island Tour (B)
- DAY 16: Hong Kong Free-day at leisure (B)

#### DAY 17: Depart Hong Kong (B)

DAY 18: Arrive Home

# GRAND TOUR OF CHINA

BEIJING - XI'AN - YANGTZE CRUISE - CHENGDU - LESHAN - GUILIN - YANGSHUO - SUZHOU - SHANGHAI



2020 - 22 DAYS FROM NZD



This comprehensive Grand Tour of China is designed to be a trip of a lifetime, and showcases China's amazing history, rich culture, natural wonders, charming landscapes, and the dramatic economic, social, and architectural changes that characterise its future. In 22 days you will experience the very essence of this amazing country. The combination of places visited encapsulates China's past, present and future. This is a magnificent tour with amazing and unforgettable experiences!

Image: Yangshuo



#### DAY 01: Fly to Beijing

Fly to Beijing via a connecting city. Note: Some flights may depart the day after.

#### DAY 02: Arrive in Beijing (D)

Arrive in Beijing, the capital city of China. You will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to the hotel.

#### DAY 03: Beijing (B, L, D)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Start our city tour with a visit to Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, followed by a visit to the Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to the Qing dynasty. We continue to the Temple of Heaven, which was used by emperors in ancient times to offer sacrifices to heaven and pray for good harvest. Tonight, enjoy a special Peking Duck welcome banquet. You can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, The Golden Mask Dynasty (NZD\$85).

#### DAY 04: Beijing (B, L)

Our highlight today is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China. After lunch, visit a fresh water pearl exhibition and then see skilled artisans at work at a cloisonné factory. Later, visit the Changling Exhibition Hall of the Ming Tombs where thirteen out of the sixteen Ming dynasty emperors are buried.

#### DAY 05: Beijing (B, L, D)

We tour the exquisite Summer Palace (Imperial Garden), the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors, followed by an outside view of the beautiful Bird's Nest (National Stadium) and Water Cube (National Aquatics Centre), both purposely built for the 2008 Olympics. Then visit a Chinese herbal institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage which has existed for thousands of years. In the afternoon, we explore Beijing's ancient Hutong alleyways by pedicab, followed by a stroll in Wangfujing, one of Beijing's most famous shopping streets. Cap off the day by attending a superb and thrilling Chinese Kung-Fu Show (NZD\$85).





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Beijing: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall, Chinese Acrobatic Show, Summer Palace, Bird's Nest, Water Cube, Hutongs, Wangfujing, Peking Roast Duck

• Xi'an: Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum, Dumpling Banquet, Shaanxi Provincial Museum, Ancient City Wall, Great Wild Goose Pagoda

- Yangtze River Cruise: Three Gorges, transit the Three Gorges Dam, shore excursions
- Chengdu: Get up close to the adorable giant pandas, Jin Li culture street, Sichuan Cuisine
- · Leshan: Stand at the foot of the towering Grand Buddha
- Guilin: Li River, Elephant Trunk Hill, Reed Flute Caves
- Yangshuo: Yangshuo Village, West Street
- Wuzhen: Wuzhen Ancient Water Town
- Suzhou: Grand Canal, Lingering Garden

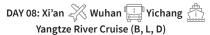
• Shanghai: Bund, Old Town, Huangpu River, Shanghai Museum, Xintiandi Area, Shanghai Cuisine

#### DAY 06: Beijing 📈 Xi'an (B, L, D)

This morning we fly to Xi'an, the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world, during the Tang dynasty, and capital for eleven dynasties over a period of more than 2,000 year. Our highlight today is a visit to the Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum to see the life-sized defending army to the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is among the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Later, visit a ceramic arts factory, followed by a special Dumpling Banquet, while enjoying a performance of music and dance from the Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD).

#### DAY 07: Xi'an (B, L, D)

This morning we visit the fascinating Shaanxi Provincial Museum. The museum is one of China's largest, and houses over 370,000 items, including murals, paintings, pottery, coins, as well as bronze, gold, and silver objects. This will be followed by lunch, featuring a noodle making demonstration. After lunch we visit the Ancient City Wall, the most complete ancient city wall to survive in China. Then we visit the Great Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of the city. The Pagoda was built in 652 during the Tang dynasty, and is significant in the history of Chinese Buddhism, as it held sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the great translator and traveller, Xuanzang, after a 17-year return journey.



This morning we fly to Wuhan and transfer by coach (approx 4-5 hours) to Yichang, the starting point of our Yangtze River Cruise for the next four nights. Note: The group may fly from Xi'an to Yichang (subject to availability).

#### DAY 09-11: Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

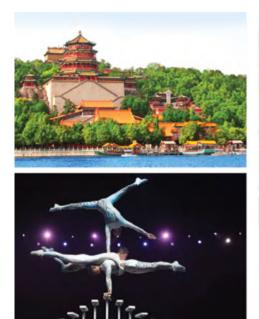
We enjoy a tour to the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest, before cruising on the Yangtze River. Over the next few days, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery as we cross through the Yangtze Three Gorges: Xiling, Wu, and Qutang. Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes.



#### 📄 Chengdu (B, L, D)

We disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing this morning and transfer by coach (approx 5 hours) to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening we will feast on sumptuous Sichuan cuisine.

**DAY 13: Chengdu** Leshan Chengdu (B, L, D) Today we will travel to Leshan to marvel at the Grand Buddha, an enormous statue carved into the side of



Lingyun Mountain. The Buddha is over 71m tall and is wide enough for over 100 people to sit between its feet. Later, return to Chengdu and explore the dynamic folk custom street, Jin Li, and experience the lifestyle of Old Chengdu. This evening, you can watch a fascinating show featuring 'face changing' (NZD\$65), a kind of magic traditional Chinese dramatic art that is the pride of Sichuan opera.

#### DAY 14: Chengdu 📈 Guilin (B, L, D)

Today's highlight is a visit to the **Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding**. This is the best place to see Chengdu's most famous residents being reared in surroundings resembling their natural habitat. This evening we will be transferred to the airport to board our flight to Guilin, one of China's most picturesque cities.

#### DAY 15: Guilin 🔛 Yangshuo (B, L, D)

Today, we enjoy a relaxing **Xingping River Cruise along the Li River**. The journey offers 30 miles of breathtaking scenery. We arrive in **Yangshuo Village** and walk along the 1,400 year old West Street and explore the beautiful Yangshuo local village. You may enjoy an optional show tonight – **Impression Liu San Jie** (NZD\$90), a large scale ethnic performance over the Li River.

#### DAY 16: Yangshuo Guilin (B, L, D)

With its name translating to 'Forest of Sweet Osmanthus', Guilin has long been renowned for its unique scenery, amazing karst landscapes and rich ethnic cultures. This morning we tour **Elephant Trunk Hill** and the **Reed Flute Caves** and will be amazed by the extraordinary karst limestone formations.

#### DAY 17: Guilin K Shanghai Suzhou (B, L, D)

This morning we fly to Shanghai, the modern metropolis and commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, we travel by coach to Suzhou, known as the 'Venice of the East' or 'Garden City' due to its many classical gardens known for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. This morning we take a **Grand Canal Cruise** and visit the **Lingering Garden**, one of the four greatest Chinese gardens and a UNESCO world heritage site. We then visit a silk spinning mill and learn how silk is created from mulberry munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth.





#### DAY 18: Suzhou 🔛 Wuzhen (B, L, D)

Today, we explore beautiful **Wuzhen water town** built on stilts over a system of canals, with traditional wooden homes and stone bridges. Ride a boat along the ancient canal to the scenic waterfront area, where you will experience traditional culture and stay in a traditional lodge.

#### DAY 19: Wuzhen Shanghai (B, L, D)

This morning we travel by coach back to Shanghai and walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the **Huangpu River**. Lined by colonial architecture of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. We then continue to the **Old Town** which is a perfect combination of gardens, temples, old architecture, civil culture, business, souvenirs and food. After dinner, you may join an optional **Huangpu River Cruise** (NZD\$45) and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming view of Shanghai.

#### DAY 20: Shanghai (B, L, D)

This morning we visit the Shanghai Museum to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade followed by a Jade Exhibition. Then we explore the Xintiandi Area, an affluent and fashionable pedestrian street composed of unique shikumen (stone gate) and modern architecture style. Our farewell dinner this evening will be a banquet of delicious Shanghai cuisine. You can cap off the celebrations by attending a thrilling optional *Chinese Acrobatic Show* (NZD\$85).

#### DAY 21: Depart Shanghai (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure before we transfer to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Australia via an intermediate city. The trip may be over, but the experiences and memories will certainly last a lifetime.

#### DAY 22: Arrive Home

#### 🗓 2019 DEPARTURES

05 Apr\* 03 May 30 Aug 18 Oct

\*Peak season surcharge: NZD\$350 Single supplement: NZD\$1600 Note: Minimum 6 passengers are required to operate this tour.

#### **DEPARTURE OPTIONS**

· AKL: Airfare included

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- · Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes
- (eg. China Eastern/Southern Airlines or similar)
- 15 nights 4-5 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- 4 nights standard cabin with private balcony aboard Yangtze River Cruise (twin share only)
- 3 shore excursions (subject to change and excludes optional excursions)
- · 19 breakfasts (B), 18 lunches (L), 18 Dinners (D)
- Internal flights (operated by a local carrier)
- Coach transportation & transfers
- · Selected sightseeing & entrance fees
- English speaking tour guide(s)

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- · Prepaid tipping: NZD\$300
- · China visa
- · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

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

• Economy class: Cathay Pacific/Singapore/ Airlines fr NZD\$550

#### CO EXTEND YOUR STAY

- · Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$280
- · Hotel w/breakfast: \$90 twin-share, \$180 single
- · Private transfer: \$150 per way (max. 3 ppl)

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Beijing Xi'an Yangtze River Chengdu Guilin Yangshuo Suzhou	Wynham Beijing North Titan Times Hotel Yangtze Gold Cruise Sheraton Hotel Grand Link Hotel Jasper International Hotel Pan Pacific Hotel
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#### **WOPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)**

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$85
Beijing	Chinese Kung-Fu Show	\$85
Chengdu	Face-Changing Show	\$60
Yangshuo	Impression Liu San Jie	\$90
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$45
Shanghai	Chinese Acrobatic Show	\$85

All prices are per person twin-share in NZD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Hotel locations can be within or outside itinerary cities and may not be centrally located. Double-bedded rooms are not guaranteed. News Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spentin flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final itineraries and flight infor may not be available until within 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver31.JUL2019 After walking along the Great Wall in Beijing,, change pace and relax as you cruise along the majestic Yangtze River. Discover the dramatic gorges, mountain villages and breathtaking scenery. A Yangtze River cruise is the thrill of a lifetime. You will enjoy the stunning picturesque scenery and amazing natural beauty of the famed Three Gorges: Qutang, Wu, and Xiling, while exploring the historic relics and ancient cultural sites along the mighty river.

Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes including the spectacle of Fengdu Ghost City, a peculiar site that contains statues of demons and ghosts that roam the after-

world; the fun of drifting through Shennong Stream, which offers clear running waters, picturesque rock formations, and monkeys and goats along its banks; and the wonder of the Three Gorges Dam.

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



Note: Cruise ship is subject to change. Triple share is not available. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard. Cruise itinerary including all arrival, departure times & shore excursions are subject to change.

#### VIP PACKAGE INCLUSIONS Yangtze Gold Cruise ships: +NZD\$165

- · Free upgrade to higher floor (4th to 5th floor)
- · Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks at happy hour in the afternoon
- Access to VIP restaurant (an optional a la carte menu will be available at extra cost)
- Unlimited local wine, beer, and soft drinks at lunch & dinner
- · Express check in and check out service
- · Room turn-down service
- · Welcome fruit basket in cabin
- · VIP area reserved for evening entertainment
- · 2 hours free internet for each sailing

Note: Inclusions and prices are subject to change without prior notice.



#### POST-TOUR EXTENSION Hong Kong & Macau 3 Nights

from NZD\$1599; single supplement NZD\$350; includes + Cathay Pacific economy airfares & taxes

- + 3 nights hotel accommodation: Harbour Plaza 8
- Degrees Hotel 4 star or similar (twin-share)
- + 3 breakfasts (B) & 1 Lunch (B)
- + Round trip airport & transfers
- + Half day Hong Kong Island sightseeing tour
- + Macau day tour, lunch & round trip ferry tickets

#### DAY 21: Shanghai 兴 Hong Kong (B)

Fly to Hong Kong, the gourmet and shopping paradise of Asia, and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 22: Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy a half day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.



#### Hong Kong (B, L)

Today, take a high speed ferry (Turbojet) to Macau for a tour of Asia's equivalent to Las Vegas, visiting the Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral, A Ma Temple, Barrier Gate, Senado Square, casinos and souvenir stores. Enjoy lunch before returning to Hong Kong in the evening.

#### DAY 24: Depart Hong Kong (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Hong Kong airport to board an overnight flight to home.

DAY 25: Arrive Home













#### DAY 01 Arrival Beijing (No meal)

Arrive in Beijing, the dynamic capital of the People's Republic of China. Once the imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing today is still extraordinarily rich in historical sites and cultural relics. Meet your CTS guide and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 02 Beijing (B/L/D)

Tour the Tian'anmen Square, the biggest public square in the world. Afterwards, visit to Forbidden City, the vast complex of palaces, which was home to successive Emperors for more than 500 years. Afterwards, visit the pearl store. In the afternoon, spending a relaxing afternoon in the Hutong alleyways. Take a rickshaw ride to see the real life-link past of old Beijing. Tonight you will experience the famous Beijing Duck banquet for your welcome dinner.

#### DAY 03 Beijing (B/L)

Morning tour to the Great Wall at Badaling section stretching almost 4,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the sands of Central Asia and befittingly crowned one of the ten wonders of the world. Along the way, you will stopover at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. After lunch, continue to the Summer Palace, the largest and the best preserved of all imperial palace gardens, which boasts such delights as the famous Marble Boat and the ornately painted 'Long Corridor'. Enjoy your evening at own arrangement.



#### DAY 04 Beijing Shanghai (B)

Free on your own until transfer to Beijing train station to board high speed train to Shanghai (around 5-6 hours riding, second class seat). Upon arrival, meet your CTS tour guide and be transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 05 Shanghai (B/L)

Visit the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai. Afterwards, we will visit the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. Continue to visit a silk spinning mill. And then we will visit Shanghai Xintiandi, which is unique tourist attraction in downtown Shanghai, featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses and a maze of narrow alleys, which have been converted into cafes, restaurants, bars, and art retail shops.

#### DAY 06 Shanghai (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

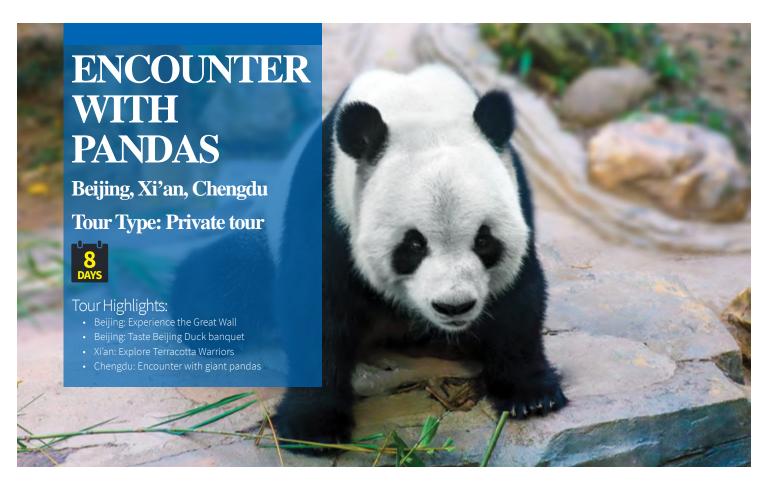
#### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$1,799

\*Price does not apply at Chinese Public Holidays, local important festivals  $\&\, trade\, fair.$ 

#### Inclusions

- Beijing-Shanghai high speed train, second class seat
- 5 nights 4\* hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles



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#### DAY 04 Beijing/Xi'an (B/D)

Morning transfer to the train station for high speed train to Xi'an (lunch could be purchased on board). Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Enjoy your evening at own arrangement.

#### DAY 05 Xi'an (B/L)

Morning tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. The Terracotta Warriors was an underground army built to protect the First Qin Emperor after his death. The funerary pits with a large number of life-size terracotta warriors and horses with different shapes and faces are marvelous. It is amazing to see something of high artistic value from more than 2000 years ago. Later, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit to the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

#### DAY 06 Xi'an Chengdu (B/L)

In the morning, visit the 600-year-old ancient city wall. Walking along Xi'an City Wall provides a good view of the city. You can also rent a bike to cycle around the wall (on your own expense). Continue to explore ancient history at Shaanxi History Museum. After lunch, transfer to take high speed train to Chengdu. Upon arrival Chengdu, transfer back to hotel. Enjoy your evening free.

#### DAY 07 Chengdu (B/L)

Highlight today is the renowned Panda Breeding and Research Centre in Chengdu. The giant pandas are not only a Chinese national treasure but are also beloved by people the world over. Therefore, when visitors from home and abroad come to Chengdu, one of their main objectives will be to see the giant pandas for themselves. Next to the tea house in People's park, to fully enjoy the leisure and cozy life style there, with people sitting together for drinking tea, playing cards or mah-jong. Afterwards, you will visit the ancient Jinli Street in Chengdu, which was one of the busiest commercial boulevards of the Kingdom of Shu in ancient time. Then you will visit one of the hottest tourist destinations in Chengdu---Broad and Narrow Alley. Being in the list of Chengdu Historical and Cultural Protection Project, it is composed of broad alley, narrow alley and across alleys, among which, there are a lot of traditional courtyards. After dinner, you can choose to appreciate the face-changing show for an optional activity (on your own expense).

#### DAY 08 Chengdu (B)

Free to explore Chengdu at your own pace or shop until you drop before your transfer to the airport.



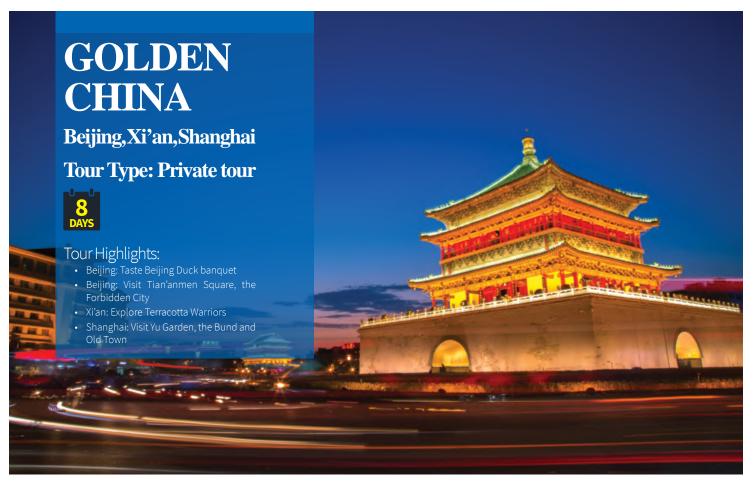
#### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$2,565

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#### Inclusions

- Beijing-Shanghai-Chengdu high speed train, second class seat
- 7 nights 4\* hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
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#### DAY 04 Beijing/Xi'an (B/D)

Morning, transfer to the railway station for your high speed train to Xi'an (around 5-6 hours ride). Upon arrival, you will taste the Xi'an dumpling dinner. Afterwards, you will see the Tang Dynasty Show.

#### DAY 05 Xi'an (B/L)

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#### DAY 06 Xi'an/Shanghai (B/L)

Fly to Shanghai, the biggest commercial city in China. Visit the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai. Afterwards, we will visit the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. Then we will visit Shanghai Xintiandi, which is unique tourist attraction in downtown Shanghai, featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses and a maze of narrow alleys, which have been converted into cafes, restaurants, bars, and art retail shops.

#### DAY 07 Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning, we take a side trip to Suzhou, a small town famous for its classic gardens in the south of China and often so-called 'Oriental Venice'. You will visit the Garden of the Master of Fishing Net. Also we will visit a Silk Spinning Mill and take a boat cruise on the Canal constructed over 1,000 year ago in Sui Dynasty. If time permits, we take a short visit to newly renovated Shan Tang Street. Late afternoon, travel back by coach to metropolitan Shanghai.

#### DAY 08 Shanghai/Departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

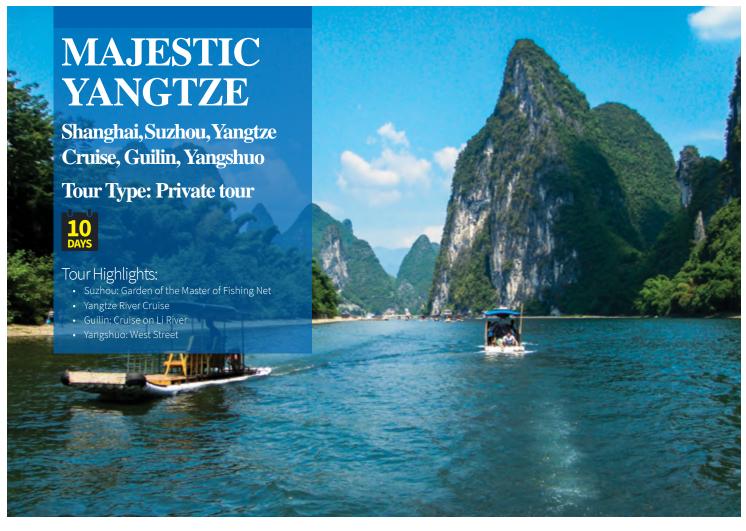
#### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$3,135

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#### Inclusions

- Xi'an-Shanghai flight, economy class seat
- Beijing-Xi'an high speed train, second class seat
- 7 nights 4\* hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles



#### DAY 01 Arrival Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai, the largest city by population in China. Meet your CTS guide and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 02 Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning tour we will visit the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai. You may see the local people performing Tai Chi during your stroll along the Bund. Afterwards, we will visit the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. In the afternoon we will visit Shanghai Museum. Visit fresh water pearl factory afterwards.

#### DAY 03 Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning, take a side trip to Suzhou, a small town famous for its classic gardens in the south of China and often so-called Oriental Venice. You will visit the Garden of the Master of Fishing Net. Afterwards, you will take a boat cruise on the Grand Canal constructed over 1,300 year ago in Sui Dynasty and take a short visit to newly renovated Shan Tang Street. Also we will visit a Silk Spinning Mill. Late in the afternoon, we will travel by coach to metropolitan Shanghai.

#### DAY 04 Shanghai / Yichang/ Maoping (B/D)

Free at leisure till transferred to the airport for your flight to Yichang. Upon arrival, CTS guide will meet you and take you for brief city tour in Yichang. Have dinner before transfer to cruise company's meeting place. Then, take shuttle bus to Maoping and embark the Victoria cruise. (Itineraries and times are subject to change according to river conditions)

#### DAY 05 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Start your spectacular cruise along the mighty Yangtze River. Relax on deck or in the lounge, enjoying the beautiful scenery of the magnificent Three Gorges. Sailing upstream, view the Xiling, Wu and Qutang Gorges. Shore excursions include Sandouping (Dam

#### Project), Goddess Stream and Shibaozhai.

DAY 06-07 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Enjoy your cruise along the river today.

#### DAY 08 Chongqing/ Guilin (B/L)

Morning, disembark in Chongqing. If time permits, take a city tour and then transferred to the train station for bullet train to Guilin (about 4.5-5 hours riding). Upon arrival, transfer to hotel.

#### DAY 09 Guilin-Yangshuo-Guilin (B/L)

The Highlight of the trip to Guilin is a spectacular cruise down the meandering and picturesque Li River, the breathtaking scenery as jagged mist-covered mountains, quaint villages dot the riverbanks, drift past humped limestone peaks, fishermen aboard bamboo rafts and grazing water buffalo. You will also



have a chance to roam Yangshuo's local market before returning to Guilin by coach. The well-known West Street in Yangshuo also called Foreigner Street, which the history has 1400 years. It is a small and traditional street on south of China, but the international sentiment ambience show over the whole street.

#### DAY 10 Guilin departure (B/L)

Morning will visit to Reed Flute Cave, a site of wonderful limestone caves, showcasing a dazzling variety of stalactite and stalagmite stone formations. If time permits, we will visit local tea shop. In the afternoon, transfer to airport for your flight exit.

#### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$2,999

\*Price does not apply at Chinese Public Holidays, local important festivals & trade fair.

#### Inclusions

- Shanghai-Yichang flight, economy class seat
- Chongqing-Guilin high speed train, second class seat
- 5 nights 4\* Hotel accommodation
- Victoria Cruise on Yangtze
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (CNY50-80 per person per day suggested). Compulsory tipping on the cruise is CNY150/person

# SCENIC TOUR TO ZHANGJIAJIE

Beijing, Zhangjiajie, Shanghai Tour type: Private tour

7 DAYS

#### Tour Highlights:

- Ascend to top of mountain by Bailong elevator
- Cable car up to Tianmenshan Mountain

#### in the world. You will also be able to have a photo stop at The National Centre for the Performing Arts, formerly known as the National Grand Theatre, and colloquially described as The Egg. Afterwards, visit to Forbidden City, the vast complex of palaces, which was home to successive Emperors for more than 500 years. Later

hike to Jingshan Park, which gives a nice panoramic

view of the Forbidden City at the top of Coal Hill. You

will also have chance to visit a pearl store. After the

tour, be transferred to the airport for a 2.5 hours flight

to Zhangjiajie, regarded as an exhibition hall of local

customs show to tourists a lifestyle free of worries. Your

Zhangjiajie tour guide will wait for you at the airport

Whole day tour to explore Wulingyuan Scenic Area.

After breakfast, let's ascend to the top of Yuanjiajie

Mountain by Bailong elevator, the highest and heaviest

outdoor elevator in the world. Located in the northwest

part of the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, Yuanjiajie

is a naturally formed platform mountain surrounded

by peaks which are divided by deep valleys. The view

from Yuanjiajie is exactly the same as what we see from

the movie of Avatar. The foremost attractions in this area include: First Bridge under the Sun, Helong Park,

breathtaking Mihun Stage, etc. Take cable car down the Tianzi Mountain and get back to your hotel. A folk show named Tianmen Fox Fairyis available for your

Half day tour to explore Tianmenshan Mountain which

is the highest mountain in Zhangjiajie. Take cable car up to Tianmenshan Mountain. The cable car lasts for

40 minutes and it is the longest line in Asia. You will see

the gorgeous view while seating in the cable car and

the mountain seems just in front of you. Hike on the

mountain and you will walk on the floating glass plank.

The experience is unique and gives you the feeling like

just wandering in the clouds. Continue to visit the

Tianmen Cave. Tianmen cave the natural mountainpenetrating karst cave with the highest elevation in the

world. It is actually a big hole in the mountain but

people call it a cave and it has become a major attraction. The cave become the unique sight under

heaven and breeds the profound and grand heaven

culture of Fairy Mountain in the local area. Before

and help you to transfer to the hotel.

evening activities. (Optional program)

DAY 05 Zhangjiajie Shanghai (B, L)

DAY 04 Zhangjiajie (B, L)

#### DAY 06 Shanghai (B, L)

Visit the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai. Afterwards, we will visit the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. Continue to visit a silk spinning mill. And then we will visit Shanghai Xintiandi, which is unique tourist attraction in downtown Shanghai, featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses and a maze of narrow alleys, which have been converted into cafes, restaurants, bars, and art retail shops.

#### DAY 07 Shanghai (B)

Free day at leisure and be transferred to the airport for departure flight.

#### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$3,239

\*Price does not apply at Chinese Public Holidays, local important festivals  $\&\ trade$  fair.

#### Inclusions

- Beijing-Zhangjiajie-Shanghai flight, economy class seat
- + 6 nights 4\* hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- Escorted by an English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (CNY50-80 per person per day suggested).

#### DAY 01 Arrival Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital city of China and one of the great travel destinations of the World, your local guide will meet you at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Free at leisure for the rest of the day.

#### DAY 02 Beijing (B, L)

Morning tour to the magnificent Temple of Heaven, a Ming Temple where the Emperors performed annual rites essential for the well being of their land. Locals will do morning exercises in the square and full of vigor. You will have chance to watch Chinese Kungfu, Taichi, square dancing, etc. and get to know the real folk master there. Transfer to visit the Great Wall Badaling section, which is one of the best-preserved sections with the largest construction scale and best quality among all sections of Great Wall. Stop at Jade Factory. After the tour, drive back to Beijing city. In the evening, you can choose to watch the Acrobatic show or taste Peking duck dinner with your guide and ask for suggestions (at your own cost).

#### DAY 03 Beijing Zhangjiajie (B, L)

Tour the Tian'anmen Square, the biggest public square



# SILK ROAD DISCOVERY

Xi'an,Jiayuguan,Dunhuang, Turpan, Kashgar, Urumqi

**Tour Type: Private tour** 



#### Tour Highlights:

- Xi'an: Explore Terracotta Warriors
- Dunhuang: Echoing San Mountain
- Turpan: Karez Irrigation Tu
- Urumqi: Tianchi Lake

#### DAY 01 Arrival Xi'an (D)

You will be greeted by your CTS guide at the Xi'an airport If time permits, visit the Shaanxi History Museum. Today you will sample the Xi'an dumpling dinner. Afterwards, you will see the traditional Tang Dynasty Show.

#### DAY 02 Xi'an (B/L)

Morning tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. Included are the Circle Vision Movie and Bronze Chariot. On the way to the Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses Museum, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. The craftsman in the factory, with professional knowledge, have made the replica of terra-cotta warriors and horses that popularly accepted as souvenirs and gifts by both Chinese and foreign visitors. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit to the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

#### DAY 03 Xi'an/ Jiayuguan (B/L)

Morning transfer to the airport for flight to Jiayuguan. Historically a small township engaged in local trading, catering to the needs of the military garrisons stationed at the fort n 1372. Visit Jiayuguan Pass built during the Ming dynasty to protect the last frontier of the Chinese empire.

#### DAY 04 Jiayuguan/Dunhuang (B/L)

Take a morning drive to Dunhuang. Upon arrival in Dunhuang, move to visit Echoing Sand Mountain which offers superb picture-look desert scenery. Crescent Moon Lake, though been lying among these sand dunes for thousands of years, it still gurgles clear.

#### DAY 05 Dunhuang/Turpan (B/L)

Tour the Mogao Grottoes, the World's richest treasure trove of Buddhist manuscripts and art. It begun in 386AD and added to over the next 9 centuries, the grottoes total over 45,000 square meters and boast over 2,000 murals and sculptures. Transfer to the train station in Liuyan and catch bullet train across the desert to Turpan (about 4hours). Dinner will be on your own arrangement.

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#### DAY 06 Turpan (B/L)

Today's sightseeing features Jiaohe, the ancient walled capital of the Uighurs, which flourished between the 7th and 14th centuries. Visit the amazing 2,000-yearold Karez Irrigation Tunnels, which brought water from melting snow on the mountains to this parched city. You'll also visit Suliman's Minaret and have a photo stop at the Flaming Mountains.

#### DAY 07 Turpan /Urumqi/Kashgar (B/L)

Board a coach transferred to Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang, China's huge western province. Upon arrival in Urumqi, take a city tour, which gives you a glimpse of the major sights of this northwestern city. Populated by Han, Uyghur people and thirteen ethnic minorities, Urumqi is quite different from the usual Chinese street scene. Here you can see nomadic Kazakhs, a Middle Eastern bazaar, a jade-carving center and more. Then transferred to the airport, fly from Urumqi to Kashagar, a key hub on the ancient Silk Road. Upon arrival in Kashgar, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

#### DAY 08 Kashgar/Urumqi (B/L)

After breakfast, head directly to the Great Bazaar, alive with storybook scenes: thousands of merchants haggling for camels, carpets and other native goods; imams on donkeys and veiled women in their back robes. After wandering the Great Bazaar, you will visit Id Kah Emin Mosque, one of the largest in China, and the Tomb of the Fragrant Lady. Fly from Kashgar back to Urumqi. Upon arrival in Urumqi, you will be transferred to the hotel.

#### DAY 09 Urumqi/Departure (B/L)

After breakfast, visit Tianchi Lake (Lake of Heaven), nestled in the Tianshan Mountain range. Take a boat ride and enjoy breath-taking views of a crystal clear lake. Transfer to the airport after visit.



#### Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$5,645

 $\ensuremath{\,^{+}\text{Price}}$  does not apply at Chinese Public Holidays, local important festivals & trade fair.

#### Inclusions

- Xi'an-Jiayuguan, Urumqi-Kashgar-Urumqi flight, economy class
- Liuyuan- Turpan high speed train, second class
- 8 nights superior hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles

# **BEIJING SNAPSHOT**



#### Tour Highlights

- Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City
- Pedi cab tour of "Huto
- Peking Duck Banquet

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Pentahotel Beijing 4 star or similar	\$888

 $^{\star}\mbox{Price}$  does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival Beijing (L, D)

Upon arrival in Beijing, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to visit the Tiananmen Square, the largest city square in the world. From Tiananmen Square enter the Forbidden City. This massive complex was the centre of the Ming and Qing dynasties. With almost 10,000 rooms, this wellpreserved imperial palace is the largest in the world. Transfer to your hotel. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Peking Duck Banquet.

#### DAY 02 Beijing (B, L)

Today you will experience the splendor of the Great

Wall at the Badaling section, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing manmade structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. On the way to the Great Wall, you will stop at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. After lunch, transfer to enjoy a pedicab tour of "Hutong" -the "old city" neighborhoods of narrow alleyways and courtyard gardens, experience local life on a family visit.

#### DAY 03 Beijing Departure (B)

Free to explore Beijing at your own pace or shop until you drop before your transfer to the airport.

# BEIJING DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City
- Seven Wonders of the World: the Great Wa
- Pecking Duck Banque

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Pentahotel Beijing 4 star or similar	\$1,299

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling

#### Inclusions

- 4-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival Beijing (no meal)

Upon arrival Beijing, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

#### DAY 02 Beijing (B, L, D)

Today you will visit the Tiananmen Square, one of the largest city square in the world. From Tiananmen Square enter the Forbidden City. This massive complex was the centre of the Ming and Qing dynasties. With almost 10,000 rooms, this well-preserved imperial palace is the largest in the world. Later, visit one of the royal gardens in the old days – Beihai Park. In the evening, enjoy a delicious Peking Duck Banquet.

#### DAY 03 Beijing (B, L)

Today you will experience the splendor of the Great Wall at the Badaling section, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing manmade structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. On the way to the Great Wall, you will stop at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. In the afternoon, you will visit one of the Ming Tombs, Chang Tomb.

#### DAY 04 Beijing (B, L)

In the morning, tour to the Summer Palace, the largest and best preserved of all imperial palace gardens. Marvel with fascination at the Marble Boat and the ornately painted Long Corridor. You will also have a photo stop at the new icons in Beijing – the 2008 Olympic venues of Bird's Nest & Water Cute. Visit the Pearl Factory afterwards. Then followed by a tour to the magnificent Temple of Heaven, a Ming Temple where the Emperors performed annual rites essential for the wellbeing of their land.

#### DAY 05 Beijing departure (B)

Own arrangement until transfer to the airport exit.

## SHANGHAI SNAPSHOT



#### Tour Highlights:

- Tianzifang
- The Bund
- Cruise on Huangpu River

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Lee Garden Hotel 4 star or similar	\$519

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.
\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling

#### Inclusions

- 1-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival/Shanghai (L,D)

Morning flight arrival into Shanghai, after clearing immigration and claiming your luggage, CTS guide will meet you by the exit of the arrival hall and transferred to visit China Town with its winding alleyways lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, leading to the elegant tranquil Yu Garden. Then we will visit Tianzifang, a bohemian enclave featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses, which have been converted into cafes, restaurants, bars and art galleries in a maze of narrow alleys. The tour continues with a stroll along the spacious promenade of the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai, followed by a cruise on the Huangpu River. Transfer to 4 star hotel for one night stay.

#### DAY 02 Shanghai/Departure (B)

Transfer to airport for your departure flight.

# SHANGHAI DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Old Town
- Yu Garder
- Shanghai Museum

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Lee Garden Hotel 4 star or similar	\$660

 $^{\ast}\text{Price}$  does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival Shanghai (no meal)

Upon arrival Shanghai, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

#### DAY 02 Shanghai Meal: (B/L/D)

After breakfast, we will visit the Old Town with its winding alleyways, lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, and then to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. Then, visit Silk Spinning Mill. In the afternoon we will visit Shanghai Museum. Shanghai Museum is a large museum of ancient Chinese art. The museum

style and presentation surround visitors with artifacts demonstrating ancient wisdom and philosophy. The exterior design of the round dome and the square base symbolizes the ancient idea of a round heaven and a square land. The tour continues after dinner with a stroll along the spacious promenade of the Bund, followed by a cruise on the Huangpu River.

#### DAY 03 Shanghai departure Meal: (B)

Own arrangement until transfer to the airport exit.

### SHANGHAI & SUZHOU DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Tianzifang
- The Bund
- Cruise on Huangpu River

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Lee Garden Hotel 4 star or similar	\$888

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.
\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing
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Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival/Shanghai (L,D)

Arrival into Shanghai, after clearing immigration and claiming your luggage, CTS guide will meet you and transfer to visit China Town with its winding alleyways lined with shops, teahouses and restaurants, leading to the elegant and tranquil Yu Garden. Then we will visit Tianzifang, a bohemian enclave featuring the city's unique "Shikumen" houses, which have been converted into cafes, restaurants, bars and art galleries in a maze of narrow alleys. The tour continues with a stroll along the spacious promenade of the Bund, a popular promenade along the Huangpu River, where the old meets the modern in Shanghai, followed by a cruise on the Huangpu River. Transfer to Lee Gardens Hotel or similar 4\* for 2 nights stay.

#### DAY 02 Shanghai-Suzhou-Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning, take a day trip to Suzhou, a small town famous for its classic gardens in the south of China and often referred to as the 'Oriental Venice', because it is an ancient town built centuries ago along canals, a typical Chinese style water town. Visit Humble Administrator's Garden. Board a boat to cruise on the Canal constructed over 1,000 years ago in the Sui Dynasty. Stop along the renovated Shan Tang Street before travelling back in the late afternoon to metropolitan Shanghai.

#### DAY 03 Shanghai/Departure (B)

Transfer to airport for your departure flight.



#### DAY 01 Arrival Xian (no meal)

Upon arrival Xian, the most historic city in China and the capital of ancient China for 11 dynasties, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to 4\* Xian Grand New World Hotel or similar for 2 nights.

#### DAY 02 Xian (B/L/D)

Morning tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. The Terracotta Warriors was an underground army built to protect the First Qin Emperor after his death. The funerary pits with a large number of life-size terracotta warriors and horses with different shapes and faces are marvelous. It is amazing to see something of high artistic value from more than 2000 years ago. Later, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit to the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an. Dinner is a sumptuous dumpling banquet and a spectacular stage show.

#### DAY 03 Xian departure (B/L)

In the morning visit the Shaanxi History Museum which has a large collection of artifacts both modern and ancient. After lunch, transfer to the airport for your flight exit.

\*Notice: Shaanxi History Museum is closed on Monday.

## XI'AN DELIGHTS



#### Tour Uighlighter

- Terracotta Warrior
- Dumpling banque
- Muslim Ouarter and market

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Grand New World Hotel 4 star or similar	\$650

 $^{\star}\mbox{Price}$  does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested

# **GUANGZHOU SNAPSHOT**



#### Tour Highlights:

- Yue Xiu Par
- Qingping Marke

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Lanmark Hotel Canton 4 star or similar	\$539

 $^{\star}\mbox{Price}$  does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 1 night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### Day 01 Guangzhou arrival (L)

Arrival into Guangzhou airport, after clearing immigration and claiming your luggage, your guide will meet you and transfer you to visit Chen Clan Academy, the largest, most beautifully decorated and best-preserved traditional architecture in Guangdong and it also serves as Guangdong Museum of Folk Arts and Crafts to show the most characteristic Guangdong architecture. Proceed to visit Yue Xiu Park, the largest park in downtown Guangzhou, a perfect combination of cultural relics and ecological tourism. Then visit Qingping Market and Shamian Island. After lunch, check into hotel for 1 night stay. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### Day 02 Guangzhou/Departure (B)

Free to explore on your own pace till transfer to airport for your home bound flight.

# GUANGZHOU DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights

- Yue Xiu Park
- Oingning Marke

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Lanmark Hotel Canton 4 star or similar	\$779

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2 night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Guangzhou arrival

Arrival into Guangzhou airport, after clearing immigration and claiming your luggage, your guide will meet you and transfer you to check into hotel for 2 nights stay. (\*hotel early check in is on request and is subject to hotel availability) Remainder of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 02 Guangzhou0 (B, L, D)

At set time, our guide will meet you in the lobby of your hotel and transfer to visit Chen Clan Academy, the largest, most beautifully decorated and best-preserved traditional architecture in Guangdong and it also serves as Guangdong Museum of Folk Arts and Crafts to show the most characteristic Guangdong architecture. Proceed to visit Yue Xiu Park, the largest park in downtown Guangzhou, a perfect combination of cultural relics and ecological tourism. Then visit Qingping Market, Shamian Island and the Six Banyan Temple, Guangzhou's premiere Buddhist cultural site. Built over 1,400 years ago, the banyan trees are gone, but the elegant octagonal Hua Ta Pagoda still towers over the temple grounds. You will have time for shopping at famous Shangxiajiu Pedestrain Street which is featured by traditional architecture and modern business with unique Lingnan commercial culture

#### DAY 03 Guangzhou/Departure (B)

Free to explore on your own pace till transfer to airport for your home bound flight.

### YELLOW MOUNTAIN DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

Sunrise on Yellow Mountain

• UNESCO site: Hongcun Village

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share (2 beds)
Xin'an Hotel or similar	¢1 100
Beihai Hotel or similar	\$1,189

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 3-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### Day 01 Tunxi (Huangshan)

Upon arrival in Tunxi (Huangshan), CTS guide will meet you and transfer to your hotel. Tonight you will have a good rest.

#### Day 02 Tunxi-Mt. Huangshan (B, L, D)

In the morning, you will take a cable car up to Yellow Mountain, immortalized by Chinese poets and painters and now a favorite vacation retreat for top Chinese officials and important state guests. You will see the famous sights including the 'Summit of Brightness', Beginning-to-believe Peak, Dropped Rock, Paiyun Pavilion and 'Monkey viewing the sea'. We overnight at a hotel on top of the Yellow Mountain.

#### Day 03 Mt. Huangshan (B, L, D)

Watch the magnificent sunrise if weather permits.

More time to explore the mountain before taking a cable-car down from the mountain in the afternoon. Then transfer to Tunxi. Visit Tunxi Old Street and Ink Factory.

#### Day 04 Yixian-Nanping-Tunxi (B, L)

Visit two villages of the picturesque Yixian County: Hongcun village, which was listed as one of World Cultural Heritage Sites by UNESCO in 2000 and also a place where a scene of the film Hidden Dragon and Crouching Tiger, and Nanping village where the film Judou by the famous director Mr. Zhang Yimou was shot. Then drive back to Tunxi airport, where the tour concludes.



# **GUILIN SNAPSHOT**



#### Tour Highlights:

- Cruise on Li Rive
- Reed Flute Cave
- Elephant Trunk Hil

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share (2 beds)
Guilin Park Hotel 4 star or similar	\$635

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

 $^{\star}\mathrm{Price}$  is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2 night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival Guilin

Upon arrival Guilin, your tour guide will meet you and transfer you to the hotel for two nights.

#### DAY 02 Guilin/Yanghuo/Guilin (B, L, D)

The highlight of Guilin is the Li River cruise, a 5-6 hours cruise from Guilin to Yangshuo passing through various strange and wonderful mountain formations. Upon arrival Yangshuo, you will have time to roam the local market. Then transfer back to Guilin and visit Pearl Museum.

#### DAY 03 Guilin departure (B, L)

In the morning, we will take you on a tour of Reed Flute Cave, a wonderful limestone cave with a dazzling variety of stalactites and stalagmites, Elephant Trunk Hill before transfer to the airport for your flight exit.



#### DAY 01 Guilin

Upon arrival, CTS guide will meet you and transfer to your hotel. If time permits, we visit Reed Flute Cave, a site of wonderful limestone caves, showcasing a dazzling variety of stalactite and stalagmite stone formations.

#### DAY 02 Guilin-Longsheng-Guilin (B, L)

Full day excursion to Longsheng. Located in the mountainous region on the northeastern part of Guilin, the natural beauty and the colorful ethnic Chinese cultures and customs attract people from all over the world. Visit the Longji area, Heping Township of Longsheng County. Visit Zhuang and Yao Minority tribes' villages and some families. You will enjoy the beautiful terrace rice fields after getting to the summit of Longji (Dragon's backbone). Transfer back to Guilin and visit the Pearl Museum.

#### DAY 03 Guilin-Yangshuo (B, L)

The Highlight of the trip to Guilin is a spectacular cruise down the meandering and picturesque Li River, the breathtaking scenery as jagged mist-covered mountains, quaint villages dot the riverbanks, drift past humped limestone peaks, fishermen aboard bamboo rafts and grazing water buffalo. You will also have a chance to roam Yangshuo's local market in the evening.

#### DAY 04 Yangshuo-Guilin (B)

Your morning is free at leisure. You may rent a bike to further explore the stunning karst landscapes of Yangshuo on your own pace. Travel back to Guilin airport.

### GUILIN, YANGSHUO, LONGSHENG DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights

- Cruise on Li Rive
- Reed Flute Cave
- Longsheng excursion

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share (2 beds)
Guilin Park Hotel 4 star or similar	\$920
New West Street Hotel 4 star or similar	

 $^{\ast}\text{Price}$  does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 3 night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested

### **CHENGDU DELIGHTS**



#### Tour Highlights:

- Panda Breeding and Research Centre
- Broad and Narrow Alley
- Dujiangyan Irrigation System

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share (2 beds)
Chengdu Tianfu Sunshine Hotel 4 star or similar	\$825

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2 night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrival Chengdu

Upon arrival Chengdu, your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to 4\* Hotel for 2 nights.

#### DAY 02 Chengdu (B/L/D)

Highlight today is the renowned Panda Breeding and Research Centre in Chengdu. The giant pandas are not only a Chinese national treasure but are also beloved by people the world over. Therefore, when visitors from home and abroad come to Chengdu, one of their main objectives will be to see the giant pandas for themselves. Enjoy the tea house next to the People's Park and the cozy life style with the locals drinking tea, playing cards or mah-Jong. Afterwards, you will visit the ancient Jinli Street in Chengdu, which was one of the busiest commercial boulevards of the Kingdom of Shu in ancient time. Then you will visit one of the hottest tourist destinations in Chengdu---Broad and Narrow Alley. Being in the list of Chengdu Historical and Cultural Protection Project, it is composed of broad alley, narrow alley and across alleys, among which, there are a lot of traditional courtyards. After dinner, you can choose to appreciate the facechanging show for an optional activity (on your own expense).

#### DAY 03 Chengdu/departure (B/L)

You will visit to Dujiangyan Irrigation system. It is one of the world first irrigation systems and ratified into the World Cultural Heritage list. It's located on the upper reaches of the Minjiang River and it has brought the vast Chengdu Plain under irrigation and has protected it against droughts and floods for over 2,300 years. Then transfer to the airport.

# YUNNAN DELIGHTS

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#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share	
Kunming Jinjiang Hotel 4 star or similar		
Lijiang Wangfu Hotel 4 star or similar	\$1,899	
Landscape Hotel Dali 4 star or similar		

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs. \*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 5-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Kunming

Upon arrival Kunming, which is known as the "City of Eternal Spring" due to its cool summers and mild winters, your tour guide will meet you and transfer to your hotel

#### DAY 02 Kunming - Stone Forest (B, L)

In the morning we will travel to the Stone Forest Scenic Area. The Stone Forest is called the "No.1 Wonder under Heaven". The area is a deeply eroded limestone Karst area, and is the highest karst terrain in the world. The unique natural sights and Sani folklore are characteristics of the Stone Forest Scenic Area. In late afternoon, back to the city and visit old town area or Flower and Bird Market if time permits.

#### DAY 03 Kunming/Lijiang (B, L)

Take morning flight to Lijiang, the old town centre of Lijiang is known as Dayan. Dayan Town was listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites list in 1997. When you arrive in Lijiang you will be able to walk through Dayan Town to experience its culture. We will take you to visit a Naxi Village. The Naxi people are the main ethnic group of the town. We will also go to the Dongba Culture Museum. The Museum houses examples of the Naxi's writing, which is one of very few ancient pictographic scripts still in use in the world; then we will visit Jade Dragon Snow Mountain, which has rich vegetation coverage, ranging from subtropical to alpine. We will take a cable car up the mountain and back.

#### DAY 04 Lijiang- Tiger Leaping Gorge –Lijaing (B, L)

Full-day excursion to the famous Tiger Leaping Gorge and First Bend of the Yangtze River

#### DAY 05 Lijiang-Dali (B, L)

Drive to Dali in the morning. You will visit the ancient city of Dali, Dali Museum, have a boat trip on Erhai Lake. Check in hotel and free at leisure in the evening.

#### DAY 06 Dali departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight exit.

# ZHANGJIAJIE DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Wulingyuan Scenic Area
- Tianmenshan Mountair

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share (2 beds)
Kaili International Hotel 4star or similar	\$859

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Arrive Zhangjiajie

Fly into Zhangjiajie, regarded as an exhibition hall of local customs show to tourists a lifestyle free of worries. Upon arrival at Zhangjiejie Airport, our CTS guide will hold a sign of our logo "CTSNZ + your name" to meet you at the arrival hall of the airport and transfer to your hotel. Free at leisure for the rest of the day.

#### DAY 02 Zhangjiajie (B, L)

Whole day tour to explore Wulingyuan Scenic Area. After breakfast, let's ascend to the top of Yuanjiajie Mountain by Bailong elevator, the highest and heaviest outdoor elevator in the world. Located in the northwest part of the Zhangjiajie National Forest Park, Yuanjiajie is a naturally formed platform mountain surrounded by peaks which are divided by deep valleys. The view from Yuanjiajie is exactly the same as what we see from the movie of Avatar. The foremost attractions in this area include: First Bridge under the Sun, Helong Park, breathtaking Mihun Stage, etc. Take cable car down the Tianzi Mountain and get back to your hotel. A folk show named Tianmen Fox Fairyis available for your evening activities. (Optional program)

#### DAY 03 Depart Zhangjiajie (B, L)

Half day tour to explore Tianmenshan Mountain which is the highest mountain in Zhangjiajie. Take cable car up to Tianmenshan Mountain. The cable car lasts for 40 minutes and it is the longest line in Asia. You will see the gorgeous view while seating in the cable car and the mountain seems just in front of you. Hike on the mountain and you will walk on the floating glass plank. The experience is unique and gives you the feeling like just wandering in the clouds. Continue to visit the Tianmen Cave. Tianmen cave the natural mountain-penetrating karst cave with the highest elevation in the world. It is actually a big hole in the mountain but people call it a cave and it has become a major attraction. The cave become the unique sight under heaven and breeds the profound and grand heaven culture of Fairy Mountain in the local area. Before getting to the cave, you have to conquer the 999 steps which is exactly a challenge to reach the cave. After the tour, be transferred directly to Zhangjiajie airport for outbound flight.

# HARBIN DELIGHTS

#### Tour Highlights:

- Siberian Tiger Park
- International Snow Sculpture Art Expo
- Ice and Snow World

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share (2 beds)
Aulicare Collection Hotel 4star or similar	\$1,219

\*Tour is available in winter (Dec, Jan, Feb). \*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing



#### DAY 01 Arrival Harbin

Upon arrival at Harbin Taiping international Airport, our CTS guide will hold a sign of our logo "CTSNZ + your name" to meet you at the arrival hall of the airport and transfer to your hotel. Free at leisure for the rest of the day.

#### DAY 02 Harbin (B/L)

After breakfast at hotel, have a walk along the Central Street to find some facts about Harbin's history and culture. And then move to visit Stalin Park and have a photo stop at the Harbin St Sophia Cathedral church, the largest Orthodox Church in the Far East. With Byzantine style and meaning of 'God's wisdom' for name, the church looks so beautiful as if it had been made by God's hands. After visit Harbin Urban Planning Museum, we will visit the highlights of this tour as well as the highlights of the Harbin International Ice and Snow Festival - Ice and Snow World - an interesting site which operates each night and features illuminated full size buildings made from blocks of ice (entrance ticket for tour guide is not included).

#### DAY 03 Harbin Departure (B)

When it comes to winter, the Sun Island will be covered by thick snow and there will be a world-famous snow sculpture show: International Snow Sculpture Art Expo (entrance ticket for tour guide is not included). You could view various of massive, huge snow sculptures which is so impressive and amazing. Afternoon you will make an safari-style adventure in the Siberian Tiger Park (entrance ticket for tour guide is not included). Siberian Tiger Park located on the north bank of the Songhua River. It is the largest natural park for wild Siberian tigers of China, even in the world. There are over 500 Siberian tigers this park. Here you can see wild tigers closely and take some fantastic photos. Later transfer to airport for flight exit.

# TIBET DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- World heritage site: Norbulingka Palace
- Cliff-top Drepung Monastery
- Maitreya Buddha

#### Price per person is from

Twin share	\$2,635

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs. \*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 5-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private air-conditioned vehicle
- English speaking guide
- Admission to sightseeing

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested



#### DAY 01 Lhasa

Upon arrive in Lhasa (airport located 100KM away), transferred to your hotel. We will relax this afternoon in order to acclimatize to the altitude.

#### DAY 02 Lhasa (B, L, D)

Today's excursion features the renovated Potala Palace, which rises majestically from the face of sacred Putuo Hill and recently listed as a world heritage site, the Norbulingka Palace, which was the Summer Palace of Tibetan Kings, and Sera Monastery.

#### DAY 03 Lhasa (B, L)

Today's sightseeing begins with the Bakhor, the famous bazaar at Eight-Corner Street, and 7th century Jokhang Monastery, one of the holiest shrines in Tibet. In the afternoon, visit the cliff-top Drepung Monastery.

#### DAY 04 Lhasa-Gyantse-Shigatse (B, L, D)

Travel from Lhasa to Gyantse, pass by Yamdrok-Tso Lake en route. Upon arrival in Gyantse, you will visit the Pelkhor Chode Monastery, known for its Kumbum (10,000 images) Stupa. Then continue to Shigatse and check into your hotel.

#### DAY 05 Shigatse-Lhasa (B, L)

Visit Tashilumpo Monastery and its surroundings, including the six-story bronze Buddha statue and the Maitreya Buddha statue made from 614 pounds of pure gold. In the afternoon drive back to Lhasa and check into your hotel.

#### DAY 06 Lhasa Departure (B)

Transfer to the Airport after breakfast for your flight to next destination.



# YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE DOWNSTREAM



#### Tour Highlights:

- Captain Dinner Banquet
- Shore Excursion: Fengdu "Jade Emperor
- Excursion: The Three Gorges Dam Si
- Shore Excursion: Goddess Stream

#### Price per person is from

Victoria Cruises: the Majesty of the Yangtze	Twin share
Superior Cabin	\$989

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 3-night accommodation (superior cabin)
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private airport transfers with English speaking guide
- Shore excursions

Remarks: Compulsory tipping CNY 150 per person pay on spot



#### Downstream Itinerary - Chongqing to Yichang

#### **DAY 01 Chongqing**

Arrival in Chongqing, CTS guide will meet you and transfer to board Victoria cruise ship 21:00 Set sail from Chongqing

#### DAY 02 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Morning, sail on Yangtze River and enjoy its beauty 16:00-18:00 Shore Excursion: Fengdu "Jade Emperor". Captain Welcome Reception

#### DAY 03 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

10:45-12:45 Sail through Wu Qutang Gorge and Gorge15:15-18:15 Shore Excursion: Goddess Stream19:00-20:30 Captain Farewell banquet

#### DAY 04 Yichang (B)

0830 Shore Excursion: The Three Gorges Dam Site 11:30(Est.) Take cruise company's shuttle bus to Yichang cruise terminal 12:30 (Est.) Arrive Yichang cruise terminal and private transfer to airport.

\* Itineraries and times are subject to change according to river conditions

# YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE UPSTREAM



#### Tour Highlights:

- Captain Dinner Banquet
- Shore Excursion: Fengdu "Jade Emperor".
- Excursion: The Three Gorges Dam Site
- Shore Excursion: Goddess Stream

#### Price per person is from

Victoria Cruises: the Majesty of the Yangtze	Twin share
Superior Cabin	\$989

\*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 4-night accommodation (superior cabin)
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Private airport transfers with English speaking guide
- Shore excursions

Remarks: Compulsory tipping CNY 150 per person pay on spot



#### Upstream Itinerary – Yichang to Chongqing

#### DAY 01 Yichang

Arrive in Yichang, CTS guide will meet you and transfer to cruise company's meeting place. 18:00-20:00 Gathering at Yichang City 18:00-20:00 Take cruise company shuttle transfer from Yichang to Maoping pier 21:00 Set sail from Yichang

#### DAY 02 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

08:30(Est.) Shore excursion---Three Gorges Dam Site Enjoy Captain's Welcome Reception

#### DAY 03 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

07:00 Scenic cruising - Wu Gorge

08:45-12:45 Shore Excursion: Goddess Stream (or Shennong Stream) 14:45 Scenic cruising---Qutang Gorge 21:00 Cabaret show

#### DAY 04 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

08:00-10:00 Shore Excursion: Fengdu "Jade Emperor" 19:00-20:15 Captain's Farewell Banquet

#### DAY 05 Chongqing (B)

0800-08:30 Disembark in Chongqing, private transfer to airport.

\* Itineraries and times are subject to change according to river conditions

# HONG KONG DISNEYLAND



#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees 4 star or similar	\$569
The Mira hotel Hong Kong 5 star or similar	\$829

\*Shoulder season, high season, public holidays surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum two people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2 nights' accommodation
- Daily hotel breakfasts
- Return airport shuttle bus transfers
- 1 day pass to Disneyland Park



#### DAY 01: Arrive Hong Kong

Arrive in Hong Kong and take airport shuttle bus to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 02: Hong Kong (B)

Make your own way to Hong Kong Disneyland Park. Explore Hong Kong's largest theme park to discover rides, shows, and restaurants that bring famous Disney

characters to life, including Mickey Mouse, Frozen's Elsa, and more.

#### DAY 03: Depart Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy your time at leisure before taking a shuttle bus to Hong Kong airport for your flight exit. Remark: Shuttle bus counter is at airport arrival hall. Service hour: 07:00am-23:00pm.



#### DAY 01: Arrive Hong Kong

Arrive in Hong Kong and take airport shuttle bus to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 02: Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy a half day seat in coach tour around Hong Kong Island. Visit Victoria Peak where you will have a panorama view of the beautiful Victoria Harbour (one way Peak Tram). Then, explore Aberdeen Fishing Village - an old fishing village where the Tanka people -the fishermen dwelled in Hong Kong since old times. You can take the sampan ride to experience the water

lifestyle of the fisherman (the expense is at an individual's expenses). Visit the Stanley Market to explore one of Hong Kong's most popular open air and low-cost shopping centre. Proceed to Jewellery Factory. Transfer back to the hotel.

#### DAY 03: Depart Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy your time at leisure before taking a shuttle bus to Hong Kong airport for your flight exit.

Remark: Shuttle bus counter is at airport arrival hall. Service hour: 07:00am-23:00pm.

**SNAPSHOT** 

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees 4 star or similar	\$459
The Mira hotel Hong Kong 5 star or similar	\$689

\*Shoulder season, high season, public holidays surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 2 nights' accommodation
- Daily hotel breakfasts
- Return seat in coach airport transfers
- Seat-in-coach tours with English-speaking guide
- · Entrance tickets as specified

Remarks: Tipping CNY 50 per person per day is suggested

# HONG KONG DELIGHIS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Take Hong Kong city tour
- Visit monastery house and Buddl
- Take cable car with magnificent view

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Metropark Hotel Kowloon 4 star or similar	\$879
The Mira hotel Hong Kong 5 star or similar	\$1,239

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#### Inclusions

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch)
- Return seat in coach airport transfers
- Seat-in-coach tours with English-speaking guide
- Entrance tickets as specified



#### DAY 01: Arrive Hong Kong

Arrive in Hong Kong and take airport shuttle bus to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

#### DAY 02: Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy a half day seat in coach tour around Hong Kong Island. Visit Victoria Peak where you will have a panorama view of the beautiful Victoria Harbour (one way Peak Tram). Then, explore Aberdeen Fishing Village - an old fishing village where the Tanka people -the fishermen dwelled in Hong Kong since old times. You can take the sampan ride to experience the water lifestyle of the fisherman (the expense is at an individual's expenses). Visit the Stanley Market to explore one of Hong Kong's most popular open air and low-cost shopping centre. Proceed to Jewellery Factory. Transfer back to the hotel.

#### DAY 03: Hong Kong (B, L)

Enjoy a seat in coach tour in Lantau Island. Take Ngong

Ping 360 cable car to go to Tung Chung, enjoy the magnificent panoramas of Lantau and the South China Sea and explore Ngong Ping Village. Depart for Po Lin Monastery, drive among spectacularly scenic mountains, this peaceful monastery houses the world's largest outdoor seated bronze Buddha statue and museum. Enjoy Chinese vegetarian meal prepared by the monks at the monastery for lunch. Visit Tai O Village – see the fishing junks, wooden stilt houses a along the waterfront, tiny shops, shrines and ancient temples from an interesting mosaic of a traditional fishing village. Enjoy a boat trip ride and view the Stilts House. Transfer back to hotel.

#### DAY 04: Depart Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy your time at leisure before taking a shuttle bus to Hong Kong airport for your flight exit.

Remark: Shuttle bus counter is at airport arrival hall. Service hour: 07:00am-23:00pm.

# HONG KONG & MACAU DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Explore Aberdeen Fishing Village
- Shopping at popular Stanley Market
- Full day tour to explore Macau

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Metropark Hotel Kowloon 4 star or similar	\$859
The Mira hotel Hong Kong 5 star or similar	\$1,229

\*Shoulder season, high season, public holidays surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling.

#### Inclusions

- 3 nights' accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch)
- Return seat in coach airport transfers
- Seat-in-coach tours with English-speaking guide
- Entrance tickets as specified
- Hong Kong-Macau-Hong Kong ferry tickets



#### DAY 01: Arrive Hong Kong

Arrive in Hong Kong and take a coach transfer from the airport to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

#### DAY 02: Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy a half day seat in coach tour around Hong Kong Island. Visit Victoria Peak where you will have a panorama view of the beautiful Victoria Harbour (one way Peak Tram). Then, explore Aberdeen Fishing Village - an old fishing village where the Tanka people -the fishermen dwelled in Hong Kong since old times. You can take the sampan ride to experience the water lifestyle of the fisherman (the expense is at an individual's cost). Visit the Stanley Market to explore one of Hong Kong's most popular open air and lowcost shopping centre. Proceed to Jewellery Factory. Transfer back to the hotel.

#### DAY 03: Hong Kong-Macau-Hong Kong (B, L)

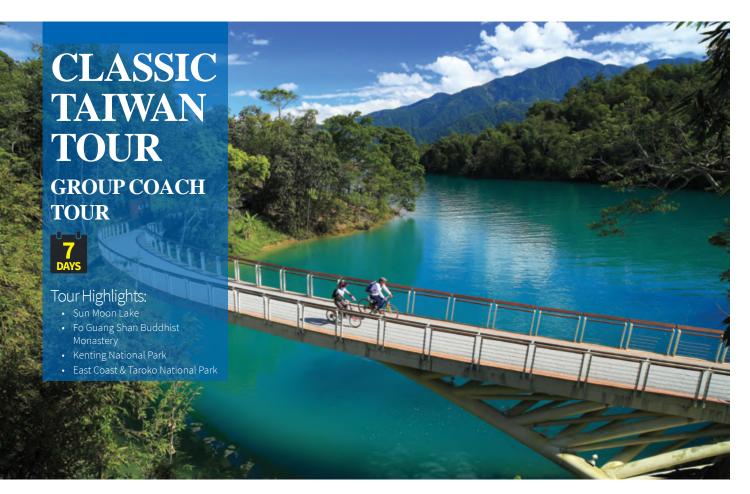
Enjoy a seat in coach tour in Macau. Pick up from the

designated hotel in the morning. Transfer to Hong Kong – Macau Ferry pier and depart for Macau by comfortable high speed ferry. Explore the Ruins of St. Paul, Mount Fortress, Section of the Old Wall and Leal Senado Square. See the Border Gate and do shopping for local produces at the side walk stalls. Lunch will be arranged in a local restaurant. City sightseeing in the afternoon, including visit to the old A-Ma Temple. Have a souvenir shop stop. Visit a famous casino for entertainment purpose if time available. Depart for Macau – Hong Kong Ferry Pier and return to Hong Kong by comfortable high speed ferry. Transfer back to the hotel upon arrive in Hong Kong.

#### DAY 04: Depart Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy time at leisure until taking a coach transfer to Hong Kong airport for your flight exit.

Remark: Shuttle bus counter is at airport arrival hall. Service hour: 07:00am-23:00pm.



#### DAY 01: Arrive Taipei

Upon arrival at Taoyuan International Airport (TPE), you will be met and transferred to your accommodation hotel by private car (no tour guide). The remainder of the day will be free.

#### DAY 02: Taipei / Sun Moon Lake + Natural Hot Spring (B)

To be picked up at lobby of hotel in Taipei City, we will drive to Sun Moon Lake which is located in the middle of Taiwan and situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of Central Taiwan. Tour will stop at the famous Wenwu Temple, also known as Literature-Warrior Temple, dedicated to Confucius as Master of Pen and to Kuan Ti as Master of Sword, Holy Monk Shrine and Ci En Pagoda. After touring round Sun Moon Lake, check in hotel. Enjoy natural hot spring at the Fleur de Chine Hotel, Sun Moon Lake. You can also enjoy the walking trails, biking, hiking or boating at the lake.

#### DAY 03: Sun Moon Lake / Fo Guang Shan Monastery / Kaohsiung (B)

Check out hotel, passing by the lovely small and old Jiji Railway Station, drive to Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, the most famous Buddhist sacred place of southern Taiwan. Here you will learn about Buddhism during the monastery walking tour to visit "Buddha Memorial Center" and communicate with some of the monks or nuns during the visit, there will be opportunity to taste Buddhist vegetarian lunch (at your own cost). Continuously, we will drive to Kaohsiung which is the second largest city of Taiwan. The tour will take you to Love River and Liuhe Night Market. Overnight stay at Kaohsiung.

#### DAY 04: Kaohsiung / Kenting / Zhiben Hot Springs Taitung (B)

Morning tour to Kenting National Park, located at Taiwan's southern tip and the 37 miles of coral-rimmed shoreline along three sides of the park provide its main attractions. Stops will be made at Eluanbi light house, Maobitou coastal scenic area and Longpan Park. Continuously we will drive to Taitung via Southern Link Highway. Overnight stay at Zhiben. Enjoy natural hot

#### After breakfast, it will be an exciting East Coast Tour.

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Area / Taroko (B)

The East Coast National Scenic Area, known as "Taiwan's last unspoiled land", stretches 170 kilometers down the east coast of the island. Weathering, erosion, and accumulation have produced a wide range of landforms here. Our tour will stop at Xiaoyeliu, Sanxiantai, Shitiping (Stone Steps), marble factory and showroom. Late afternoon, we will proceed to Hualien for overnight stay at Taroko National Park.

DAY 05: Taitung / East Coast National Scenic

#### DAY 06: Taroko National Park / Taipei (B)

After breakfast, we will make a visit to Taroko National Park. Taroko Gorge is an exceptionally beautiful,



narrow raving created by the Liwu River which has cut deep into the mountains of solid marble. A road carved into sheer walls of rock rewinding its way past forested peaks and cliffs towering thousands of feet above it, while hundreds of feet below a river roars past gigantic marble boulders. Stops will be made at Ci Mu Bridge, Swallow Grotto, and Changchun Temple (Eternal Spring Shrine). We will then drive back to Taipei with a stop at Cingshui Cliff, drive through Syue-Shan Long Tunnel (12.9 Kms) to arrive at around 6 PM.

#### DAY 07: Depart Taipei (B)

Free at leisure until private transfer (no tour guide) to airport for your flight exit.

Prices are from per person	
Sole Traveller	\$2,219
Twin share \$1,365	

\*High season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

Departures: Every Sunday

#### Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Taipei	Howard Plaza Hotel 4 star or similar
Sun Moon Lake	Fleur De Chine 5 star or similar
Kaohsiung	Grand Hi-Lai Hotel 5 star or similar
Taitung	Hotel Royal Chihpen 5 star or similar
Taroko	Silks Place Taroko 5 star or similar

Remarks: Guarantee departure

- 6-night hotel accommodation with daily breakfasts
- Round-way airport transfers (without guide)
  - Air-conditioned vehicle
  - English-speaking tour guide
  - Entrance tickets and admission fees

# THE BEST OF TAIWAN TOUR GROUP COACH TOUR



#### Tour Highlights:

- Sun Moon Lake
- Alishan Forest
- Taroko National Park
- Southern Branch of National Palace Museum
- Taipei city tour



#### DAY 01: Arrive Taipei

Upon arrival at Taoyuan International Airport (TPE), you will be met and transferred to your accommodation hotel by private car (no tour guide).

The remainder of the day will be free.

#### DAY 02: Taipei / Sun Moon Lake + Natural Hot Spring (B)

To be picked up at lobby of hotel in Taipei City, we will drive to Sun Moon Lake which is located in the middle of Taiwan and situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of Central Taiwan. Tour will stop at the famous Wenwu Temple, also known as Literature-Warrior Temple, dedicated to Confucius as Master of Pen and to Kuan Ti as Master of Sword, Holy Monk Shrine and Ci En Pagoda. After touring round Sun Moon Lake, check in hotel. Enjoy natural hot spring at the Fleur de Chine Hotel, Sun Moon Lake. You could also enjoy the walking trails, biking, hiking or boating at the lake.

#### DAY 03: Sun Moon Lake / Alishan / Chiayi (B)

Check out hotel, drive to Alishan via New Central Cross Island Highway and Yushan National Park. We will make a stop at Tataka Visitors Center (elevation 2,610 meters) to appreciate the view of Yushan. We will keep proceeding to Alishan National Scenic Area for a forest walking tour to visit Sisters Ponds, Shou-Chen Temple and the Fallen Giant Sacred Tree with a Alishan Forest alpine train ride (6-10 minutes). We will then proceed to Chiayi for overnight stay.

#### DAY 04: Chiayi / Taipei (B)

Morning tour to visit Southern Branch of National Palace Museum. After the tour, drive back to Taipei in the afternoon. Check in hotel and enjoy evening on your own.

#### DAY 05: Taipei / Taroko Gorge Tour / Taipei (B)

To be picked up early in the morning and transferred to Taipei Railway Station to take express train to Hualien. Arriving at Hualien, meet our guide at the exit and proceed to visit Taroko Gorge Gateway, Shakadang Trail, Swallow Grotto, Marble Bridge, Tianxiang, Eternal Spring Shrine, Marble Factory, Qixing Lake, Hualien Stone Sculptural Park. Take afternoon express train to be back to Taipei. You will be picked up from Taipei Railway Station and transferred to hotel.

#### DAY 06: Taipei City Tour + Jiufen Village & Northeast Coast Tour (B)

After breakfast, we will take a tour of Taipei city includes the impressive Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, National Palace Museum where 5,000 years of Chinese imperial arts and jade collections are exhibited, Martyrs' Shrine of traditional architecture and change of Honor Guards, a local Taiwanese temple, and Taipei Handicraft Center. In the afternoon, we will take another tour to the Northeast Coast to visit Jiufen Village (a walking tour for about 40 minutes), passing by Jinguashi Village, we will stop at Bitou Cape and Nanya Rock Formations. Passing by the Bay of Two Colors, we will drive back to Taipei.

#### DAY 07: Depart Taipei (B)

Free at leisure until private transfer (no tour guide) to airport for your flight exit.

#### Prices are from per person

Sole Traveller	\$2,575
Twin share	\$1,699

\*High season, Christmas and New year surcharges apply.

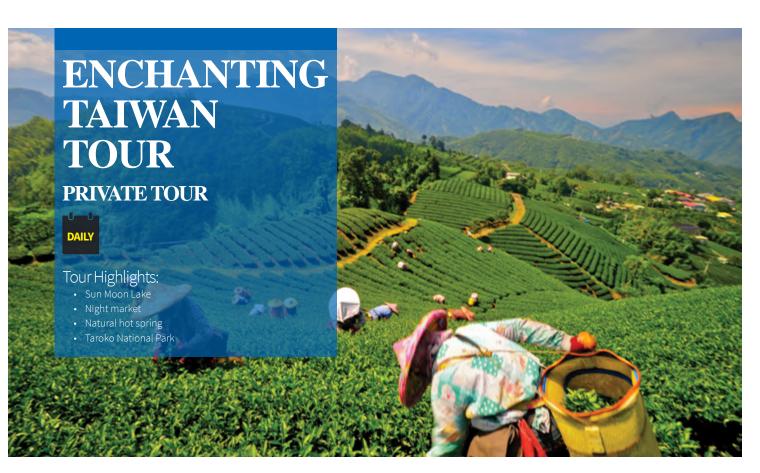
Departures: Every Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Hotel Accommodation (or similar)	
Taipei	Howard Plaza Hotel 4 star or similar
Sun Moon Lake	Fleur De Chine 5 star or similar
Chiayi	Nice Prince Hotel 5 star or similar

Remarks: Guarantee departure

- 6-night hotel accommodation with daily breakfasts
- Round-way airport transfers (without guide)
- Transfers by air-conditioned vehicle
  - English-speaking tour guide
  - Entrance tickets and admission fees





#### DAY 01: Arrive Taipei

Upon arrival at Taoyuan International Airport (TPE), you will be met and transferred to your accommodation hotel by private car (no guide). Free at leisure for rest of the day.

#### DAY 02: Taipei (B)

After breakfast, we will take a tour of Taipei city includes the impressive Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, National Palace Museum where 5,000 years of Chinese imperial arts and jade collections are exhibited, Martyrs' Shrine of traditional architecture and change of Honor Guards, a local Taiwanese temple, and Taipei Handicraft Center. The remainder of the day will be free on your own.

#### DAY 03: Taipei / Sun Moon Lake + Natural Hot Spring (B)

To be picked up at lobby of hotel in Taipei City, we will drive to Sun Moon Lake which is located in the middle of Taiwan and situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of Central Taiwan. Tour will stop at the famous Wenwu Temple, also known as Literature-Warrior Temple, dedicated to Confucius as Master of Pen and to Kuan Ti as Master of Sword, Holy Monk Shrine and Ci En Pagoda. After touring round Sun



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Moon Lake, check in hotel. Enjoy natural hot spring at the Sun Moon Lake Lea Lea Hotel. . Also enjoy the walking trails, biking, hiking or boating at the lake if time permits.

#### DAY 04: Sun Moon Lake / Fo Guang Shan Monastery / Kaohsiung (B)

Check out hotel, passing by the lovely small and old Jiji Railway Station, drive to Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, the most famous Buddhist sacred place of southern Taiwan. Here you will learn about Buddhism during the monastery walking tour and communicate with some of the monks or nuns during the visit, there will be opportunity to taste Buddhist vegetarian lunch (at your own cost). Continuously, we will drive to Kaohsiung which is the second largest city of Taiwan. The tour will take you to Love River and Liuhe Night Market. Overnight stay at Kaohsiung.

### DAY 05: Kaohsiung / Kenting / Zhiben Hot Springs, Taitung (B)

Morning tour to Kenting National Park, located at Taiwan's southern tip and the 37 miles of coral-rimmed shoreline along three sides of the park provide its main attractions. Stops will be made at Eluanbi light house, Maobitou coastal scenic area and Longpan Park. Continuously we will drive to Taitung via Southern Link Highway. Overnight stay at Zhiben. Enjoy natural hot spring at Hotel Chipen Century

#### DAY 06: Taitung / East Coast National Scenic Area / Taroko (B, D)

After breakfast, it will be an exciting East Coast Tour. The East Coast National Scenic Area, known as "Taiwan's last unspoiled land", stretches 170 kilometers down the east coast of the island. Weathering, erosion, and accumulation have produced a wide range of landforms here. Our tour will stop at Xiaoyeliu, Sanxiantai, Shitiping (Stone Steps), marble factory and showroom. Late afternoon, we will proceed to Hualien for overnight stay at Taroko National Park. Enjoy Taiwan Aboriginal Dinner in Hotel.

#### DAY 07: Taroko National Park / Taipei (B)

After breakfast, we will make a visit to Taroko National Park. Taroko Gorge is an exceptionally beautiful, narrow raving created by the Liwu River which has cut deep into the mountains of solid marble. A road carved into sheer walls of rock rewinding its way past forested peaks and cliffs towering thousands of feet above it, while hundreds of feet below a river roars past gigantic marble boulders. Passing by Ci Mu Bridge, stops will be made at Swallow Grotto, and Changchun Temple (Eternal Spring Shrine). We will then drive back to Taipei with a stop at Cingshui Cliff, drive through Syue-Shan Long Tunnel (12.9 Kms) to arrive at around 6:00 PM.

#### DAY 08: Depart Taipei (B)

At leisure until check out and you will be transferred to airport for departure flight by private car (no guide). Service ends.

#### Prices are from per person

Number of travellers	Twin share	
2	\$2,320	
4	\$1,685	
6	\$1,475	

\*High season, Christmas and New Year surcharges apply.

#### Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Taipei	Taipei Cozzi Mingsheng Hotel or similar		
Sun Moon Lake	Sun Moon lake Lea Lea Hotel or similar		
Kaohsiung similar	Kaohsiung City Suite Chen Ai Hotel or		
Taitung	Chipen Hotspring Hotel or similar		
Taroko	Taroko Village Hotel or similar		

- 7-night 4 star hotel accommodation with daily breakfasts
  - Round-way airport transfers (without guide)
  - Private air-conditioned vehicle
- Private English-speaking driver guide
- Entrance tickets and admission fees
- Dinner meal included at Taroko Village
- One bottle water daily
- Travel accident insurance
- Remark: tips to tour guide& driver is suggested.

# TAIPEI SNAPSHOT



#### Tour Highlights:

- Explore National Palace Museum
- Visit Xingtian Temple
- Photo stop at the Grand Hotel

#### Prices are from per person

Hotel	Twin share
The Riviera Hotel (4 star)	\$385

\*High season, Christmas and Chinese New Year surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling.

#### **Price includes**

- 2-night accommodation with daily breakfasts
- Round-way private airport transfer (driver only)
- Air-conditioned vehicle for SIC tour
- English-speaking guide for SIC tour
- Entrance tickets and admission fee for SIC tour
- Travel accident insurance



#### DAY 01: Arrive Taipei

You will be met and greeted at airport upon arrival and transferred to Taipei by private car with driver only. Check in hotel and enjoy your own leisure time.

#### DAY 02: Taipei (B)

Enjoy a half day SIC tour of Taipei. Tour stops: Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Presidential Square (pass by),

Martyrs' Shrine, National Palace Museum, Local Taiwanese Temple, and Handicraft Center. Afterwards, transfer back to your hotel and the afternoon is at your own arrangement.

#### DAY 03: Depart Taipei (B)

Enjoy time at leisure before transfer to airport by private car with driver only.

# TAIPEI DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Explore Taipei city landmarks
- Eniov beautiful view at Taroko Goi
- Take local train Taipei-Hualien-Taipe

#### Prices are from per person

Hotel	Twin share
The Riviera Hotel (4 star)	\$725

\*High season, Christmas and Chinese New Year surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling.

#### **Price includes**

- 3-night accommodation with daily breakfast
- Round-way private airport transfer (driver only)
- Air-conditioned vehicle for SIC tour
- English-speaking guide for SIC tour
- Entrance tickets and admission fee for SIC tour
- Travel accident insurance
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (L=lunch)



#### DAY 01: Arrive Taipei

You will be met and greeted at airport upon arrival and transferred to Taipei by private car with driver only. Check in hotel and free at leisure for rest of the day.

#### DAY 02: Taipei (B)

Enjoy a half day SIC tour of Taipei. Tour stops: Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall, Presidential Square (pass by), Martyrs' Shrine, National Palace Museum, Local Taiwanese Temple, and Handicraft Center. Afterwards, transfer back to your hotel and the afternoon is at your own arrangement.

#### DAY 03: Taipei (B/L)

Enjoy a whole day SIC tour of Taroko Gorge. In the morning, pick up from hotel and transfer to Taipei Main Station for train to Hualien. Upon arrival, take coach to Taroko Gorge and then visit Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Caves, Tienhsiang Lodge, Marble Factory, Chi Hsing Beach, Hualien Stone Sculptural Park. After the tour finishes, take train back to Taipei and transfer to your Taipei hotel.

#### DAY 04: Taipei (B)

Enjoy time at leisure before transfer to airport by private car with driver only.

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This medium-paced tour covers some of the best historical and cultural sights Vietnam has to offer, while also providing plenty of free time for you to relax or explore further. From the peaceful capital city of Hanoi to the stunning natural beauty and emerald waters of Halong Bay; from the ancient streets of Hoi An to the rural charm of the Mekong Delta; from the vibrant city life of Ho Chi Minh City to the poignant Cu Chi Tunnels, there's so much to explore and discover!



#### DAY 01: Arrive in Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi via connecting cities. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Note: Some flights may depart the day before.

#### DAY 02: Hanoi City Tour (B, L)

Visit the infamous Hoa Lo Prison, known as 'the Hanoi Hilton' during the American War. Those incarcerated at Hoa Lo included Pete Peterson, who became the first US Ambassador to a unified Vietnam in 1995, and the late Senator John McCain, the Republican nominee for the US presidency in 2008. Visit the Temple of Literature, the first university in Vietnam, built for the sons of mandarins. Then it's on to West Lake and Tran Quoc Temple, the oldest Buddhist temple in Hanoi. Visit Ba Dinh Square, where Ho Chi Minh read Viet Nam's Declaration of Independence on 2 SEP 1945 and Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum (reminiscent of Lenin's Mausoleum in Moscow), and Ho Chi Minh's House, a modest residence from which he led the country until his death in 1969. Then, explore the ancient '36 Meandering Streets' of Hanoi's Old Quarter. You may watch the stunning Water Puppet Show and Hanoi Food Tour (\$85): Enjoy the world-famous puppet show performed on a water stage. It is one of the cultural highlights of Northern Vietnam because of the history of the puppetry, as well as the splendid skills controlling puppets by the puppeteers behind the scene. You will walk through the Old Quarter full of pop-up street food shops on the sidewalks. You can try Vietnamese fresh homemade beer 'Bia Hoi', and other authentic local dishes, such as Pork Rice Rolls 'Banh Cuon', Grilled Pork Noodles 'Bun Cha', etc. Relax yourself with a drink before returning to hotel.

#### DAY 03: Hanoi 🔚 Halong Bay 🟥 (B, L, D)

Travel to **Halong Bay** and **take a boat trip** to explore one of the world's great natural wonders, cruising the thousands of limestone islands filled with caves of all shapes and sizes. The sails of junks and sampans gliding along the clear and emerald waters of the bay form a magnificent picturesque scene that blends with



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Experience a full-day guided tour of Hanoi City, including Ho Chi Minh's Mausoleum and the 'Hanoi Hilton'
Take an overnight traditional junk cruise through Halong Bay
Stroll through the peaceful ancient streets of Hoi An
Tour Hue City, the former capital of Vietnam and location of the impressive Imperial City
Immerse yourself in the vibrant city life of Ho Chi Minh City
Savour the rural delights and local lifestyles of the Mekong Delta
See the remnants of the Vietnam War at the Cu Chi Tunnels

the sky. You also get a chance to visit some of the hidden grottoes beneath the towering cliffs. A seafood lunch and dinner will be served on board the charming junk. Stay overnight on board.

#### DAY 04: Halong Bay 🔛 Hanoi 📈 Da Nang 🗔 Hoi An (B, L)

Enjoy the aquamarine waters of the bay at its best as the junk continues to cruise quietly through spectacular limestone formations. Disembark from the junk at noon and transfer to Hanoi airport for a short flight to Da Nang. On arrival, travel to Hoi An. Enjoy free time at your own leisure or discover the ancient town at night lit up by lanterns. *Note: In the event that insufficient seats are available for the Hanoi to Da Nang flight, you may instead fly from Hai Phong to Da Nang.* 

#### DAY 05: Hoi An (B, L)

Discover Hoi An by walking tour through the narrow streets of this charming town. Once known as Faifo, Hoi An was an influential port along the Silk Road. For over 500 years merchants from China, Japan, France, and Portugal settled in the prosperous town resulting in a distinctive blend of culture, cuisine, religions and architecture. In 1999, the town was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the **Réhahn Museum**, to view the 'Precious Heritage Collection', by French Photographer Réhahn. The rest of the day is at your own leisure. You may also take one of the following optional tours:

A: Evening Cultural Stage Show, Lune Production A O Show (\$120): With pre-show cocktail & Vietnamese tasting platter. Note: If Lune Production is not available, you will instead watch the Hoi An Memories Show. OR

**B: Evening Cultural Stage Show, Hoi An Memories Show** (\$120): With pre-show cocktail & Vietnamese tasting platter

#### DAY 06: Hoi An (B)

Today is free at your own leisure. You may join the following optional tours:

Hoi An Photography Tour at Dawn (\$170): with local style breakfast & coffee. Exclusive to Nexus Holidays, this unique photo tour is fully guided by Alden Anderson, an Emmy Award Winning artist with over 20 years of experience as a professional photographer, and Trinh, Alden's local cultural guide, with a wealth of knowledge about photography & local Vietnamese street food. Suitable for people of all skill levels and camera types, cell phones to DSLRs. Note: This tour conducts at 5am to 8am, time may vary based on sunrise.

#### A. Fishing Village & Waterway Eco-tour (\$120):

with lunch & a drink. Explore the coconut-palm which was the flanked waterways of a war, meet local fishermen and experience their daily life. You can also see and learn about how to use reeds or palm leaves to make grasshoppers, birds, rings, etc. Then, return to the fishing village and finish this tour with some delicious local food and a drink. **OR** 

#### B: Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge Tour (\$175):

With cable cars & lunch. Explore Ba Na hills, sightseeing the panoramic views of Quang nam – Da Nang city; Ride on a cable car and discover the famous Golden Bridge; see famous places such as the French Village Campanile, Nine Floor Goddess Shrine, Tombstone Temple, Linh Phong Monastery, and Linh Chua Linh Tu Temple, and discover Fantasy Park with its adventurous games.

#### DAY 07: Hoi An 🔡 Hue (B)

Drive to Hue City stopping along the way to take pictures at Lang Co Beach. Hue City, its historical monuments were recognised as a World Cultural Heritage Site by UNESCO since 1993. On arrival, you will take a boat trip to Thien Mu Pagoda - an historic pagoda on the banks of the Perfume River. Apart from the scenic riverside and hilltop location, the Thien Mu Pagoda and its environs are rich in history, standing witness to almost four hundred years of tumultuous nation-building in Vietnam. Travel to the centre of Hue city, visit the massive Kinh Thanh Citadel, comprised of the Imperial City, several museums, lakes, and lovely gardens, all laid out in a series of concentric circles. You may join an optional Royal Dinner (\$105): Dress in traditional clothes (provided) and be served a sumptuous meal of dishes which used to be made for the royal family, and enjoy live music during dinner.

#### DAY 08: Hue K Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Enjoy the morning at your own leisure (time permitting) before transferring to the airport for your direct flight to





Ho Chi Minh City. On arrival, transfer to visit the imposing Dong Khoi Street (formerly Catinat street) before going to the Notre Dame Cathedral. In the same square is the famous Saigon Post Office, the largest functioning post office in Vietnam. Later, visit Reunification Palace, the palace of the presidents of South Vietnam before 1975, and the War Remains Museum, where you can learn about the Vietnam War. Next, visit Ben Thanh Market.

#### DAY 09: Ho Chi Minh City Cu Chi Tunnels Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Drive to the outskirts of Ho Chi Minh City for a visit to the amazing Cu Chi Tunnels, a well-known historical vestige of the Vietnamese revolution. As a distinctive architecture, this cobweb-like tunnel complex is a network of underground dug-outs of over 200 kilometres long, consisting of many layers and turnings with meeting, living and fighting quarters where we learn firsthand how the Viet Cong survived the extraordinary underground existence during the Vietnam War. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. You may join the following optional tours:

Lunch at Hoi An Sense Restaurant (\$65): Sense restaurant is a beautiful harmony between refined cuisine and unique architecture. Set on an opulent rooftop with intimate terrace, relaxing fish pond and vivid lanterns, Hội An Sense draws influences from vibrant flavours of Vietnam's central region.

Buffet Dinner Cruise on Saigon River (\$80): Enjoy a delicious selection of local dishes as you take in the ambience of this charming city.

#### DAY 10: Ho Chi Minh City 🚔 Mekong Delta (B, L)

Depart Ho Chi Minh City for a scenic drive through the Mekong Delta, home to the richest agricultural lands in Vietnam. On arrival in My Tho City, take a boat trip along the Mekong River to fishing villages as well as Dragon, Unicorn, Turtle and Phoenix Islands. Crossing the Mekong River, you will cruise along a small canal to the see daily life of locals in Bén Tre Province. Visit Quới An bee farm and handicraft workshop to enjoy some honey tea and see how people make things from coconut wood. Taking horse-carts along country road to visit orchards, enjoy tropical fruits and listen to traditional. Then, take small sampans back to your cruise to 'Coconut Village' for a coconut candy workshop and tasting. Visit Phoenix Island for ricepaper workshop, then return by boat to My Tho and then by road back to Ho Chi Minh City. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure.

#### DAY 11: Depart Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Enjoy the day at your own leisure (time permitting) before transferring to the airport for your return flight home.

#### DAY 12: Arrive Home



# PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Indochina 7 Nights

from NZD\$2999; single supplement NZD\$699; includes

- + 7 nights 3 star hotel (local rating) accomm.
- + Daily breakfast
- + All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- + English speaking tour guide

Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$80



# PRE-TOUR EXTENSION Sapa Trekking 3 Nights

from NZD\$699; single supplement NZD\$399; includes

- + 3 nights 3 star hotel (local rating) accomm.
- + 3 breakfast (B) & 1 lunch (L)
- + All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles
- + English speaking tour guide

Excludes compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$40

#### DAY 01: Arrive in Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi via connecting cities. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Note: Some flights may depart the day before.

#### DAY 02: Hanoi Sapa – Hike to Cat Cat Village (B)

Transfer to Sapa, visit Cat Cat village (mediumadvanced trekking required), where you may wish to try the local apple wine or purchase a hand-woven blanket, and Sapa town.

#### DAY 03: Sapa - Hang Da - Sa Seng - Sapa (B, L)

Drive southwards and up Den Thang Mountain. Explore Hang Da, a Black Hmong village by foot, which displays the age-old lifestyle of the Hmong. We then follow the village path downhill through the stunning valley of Sa Seng. Along the way, we pass several hamlets which are organised in the typical Hmong style. Visit to Sa Pa, another hamlet of the Hmong which is located near the former Sapa traditional market.

#### DAY 04: Sapa Hanoi (B)

This morning is free at leisure. Relax at the hotel or go shopping in Sapa town before transfer to Hanoi.

#### **3** 2020 DEPARTURES

22 Feb	22 Apr*	25 Jul	17 Oct
07 Mar	16 May	22 Aug	14 Nov
21 Mar	13 Jun	12 Sep*	

\*Shoulder season surcharge: NZD\$250 Single supplement: NZD\$799

#### Contraction Continues

- · AKL: Airfare included
- Other cities: fr. NZD\$400

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- + Vietnam Airlines/China Southen Airlines/ Malaysia Airlines or similar economy international airfares & taxes
- + Internal flights (operated by a local carrier)
- + 9 nights 3-4 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 1 night on board Halong Bay Cruise
- + 10 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L) & 1 dinner (D)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English speaking tour guide(s)

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- · Compulsory prepaid tipping: NZD\$120
- Optional programs
- · Vietnam visa
- · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

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

· Economy class: Qantas/Cathay Pacific/ Singapore Airlines fr NZD\$550

#### **COD EXTEND YOUR STAY**

· Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$280

- · Hotel w/breakfast: \$90 twin-share, \$180 single
- · Private transfer: \$50/person/way (min. 2 ppl)

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Hanoi	Hotel Le Carnot
Halong Cruise	Bai Tho Cruise
Hoi An	Hoi An Garden Palace & Spa
Hue	ParkView Hotel
Ho Chi Minh City	Silverland Central Hotel

#### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMS PACKAGE** NZD\$700

- 1. Water Puppet & Hanoi Foodie Tour
- 2. Evening Cultural Stage Show: A. Luna
- Production OR B. Hoi An Memories
- 3. Hoi An Photography Food Tour
- 4. A. Fishing Village & Waterway Eco-tour ^ OR
- B. Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge Tour
- 5. Full Royal Dinner in Hue

#### 6. Hoi An Sense Lunch

#### 7. Buffet Dinner Cruise on Saigon River

^Change to Ba Na Hills & Golden Bridge Tour +\$55 Note: All optional programs require min. 2 ppl, and min. 3 ppl required for Photography Foodie Tour

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# POST-TOUR EXTENSION

fr NZD\$999; single supplement NZD\$599; includes

- + Economy class airfare
- + 3 nights 3 star hotel (local rating) accomm.
- + Daily breakfast, and lunch on day 3
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions

+ English speaking tour guide

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$40, Cambodia visa & Phare Circus in Siem Reap: NZD\$105

#### DAY 11: Ho Chi Minh City 📈 Siem Reap (B)

Fly to Siem Reap. Transfer to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure. This is your opportunity to experience (optional at your own expense) **the worldrenowned Phare Circus**, where young local dancers and acrobats enact Khmer folk tales and modern stories. Developed by the charity Phare Ponleu Selpak, this performance expresses the history, challenges, and resilience of the people of Cambodia.

#### DAY 12: Angkor Ancient City Tour (B)

Visit the largest, best preserved, and most religiously significant of the Angkor temples. Angkor Thom covers an area of 10 square km. Enter by the monumental South Gate over a causeway lined on either side by statues of demons and gods, each carrying a giant naga (a mythical serpent symbolising the transition from the mundane to the sacred world). Continue to the Terrace of the Elephants and the Terrace of the Leper King, former spaces for public ceremonies that are both adorned with dramatic bas-relief carvings. Visit the ruined Baphuon, Royal Enclosure and Phimeanakas, before continuing to the mysterious Bayon Temple. In this temple, one of the most popular and compelling in Angkor, explore the galleries of beautifully preserved bas-reliefs and ascend narrow stairs to reach the central sanctuary, where giant stone Buddha faces smile enigmatically down from every angle.

Visit **Ta Prohm temple**, one of the most popular attractions of Angkor as much of the jungle has not been cleared and it looks very much as most of the Angkor monuments would have appeared when European explorers first stumbled across them. Continue your visit to **Angkor Wat**, the Crown Jewel of Khmer architecture, the national symbol and the highlight of any visit to Cambodia.

### DAY 13: Siem Reap 🔛 Kompong Kleang 🗐 Siem Reap (B, L)

Travel to **Kompong Kleang floating village**. This is a settlement of over 20,000 people where houses tower up to ten meters above the water. Greeted by waves from the friendly locals, here you can glimpse Cambodia's rural culture and traditional family lifestyle through a nice boat trip. Enjoy a picnic lunch with the locals in Kompong Kleang, then transfer back to Siem Reap and enjoy free time at leisure or for shopping.

#### Day 14: Depart Siem Reap (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home via connecting cities.

#### DAY 15: Arrive Home





#### POST-TOUR EXTENSION Nha Trang 3 Nights

fr NZD\$999; single supplement NZD\$599; includes

- + Economy class airfare
- + 3 nights 5 star hotel (local rating) accomm.
- + Daily breakfast

+ All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$40

#### DAY 11: Ho Chi Minh City 📈 Nha Trang (B)

Fly to Nha Trang. Transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure.

#### DAY 12: Nha Trang (B)

Today you're free to explore the city, taking up an optional activity, or just relaxing on the beach.

A. Three Mineral Spring Spas (NZD\$105): Visit Thap Ba Mud Spa Centre, I-Resort Mud Spa, and 100 Eggs Mud Spa. Relax and enjoy mud bathing in private tubs or eggshaped tubs, and enjoy swimming in healing mineral springs. These three mud-bathing centres are located 4-6 km away from Nha Trang's center. Afterwards, visit Po Nagar Temple (pictured bottom right), a fascinating remnant of the Cham kingdom that once occupied southern Vietnam, near Thap Ba Mud Center. Return to your hotel through the streets of Nha Trang to observe local life. The option to cycle to the resorts may be available upon request, depending on local conditions. OR

**B. Islands and Snorkelling Tour** (NZD\$160): Depart from your hotel to Cau Da Port. Tri Nguyen Aquarium on Mieu Island is the first place to visit, and the many sea species of Nha Trang/Khanh Hoa province make a small ocean world there. Mun Island is the best island for snorkelling – you can see lots of colourful coral and fish. You will also be able to see caves in which the sea swallows make their nests. Then relax, swim, & do water sports or other activities at Mot Island, Tranh Beach Island or on a small island calling 'Mini Beach'. Enjoy a fresh lunch. On the way back you will visit a fishing village.

Note: The activities offered cannot be combined.

#### DAY 13: Nha Trang (B)

Enjoy the whole day at leisure, or embarking on an optional activity.

A. Discover Vinpearl Land Amusement Park (NZD\$60): Experience exciting activities & games such as the Compact Coaster, Swing Carousel, Evolution, Merry-goround, 4D Movies, Bumper Cars, Crazy Bull riding and much more. **OR** 

**B.** Meals Package (NZD\$90): Taste world-renowned Vietnamese classics at Vinpearl Land. Your lunch and dinner are freshly prepared by incredibly talented, specialist chefs with 5-star experience. Savour an appetising array of local, regional and international cuisine with a delicious serving of classic and contemporary dishes from Vietnam, as well as Japan, Thailand, China and South Korea and from as far as Russia, the US, France and Italy.

#### DAY 14: Depart Nha Trang (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home via connecting cities.

#### DAY 15: Arrive Home

#### POST-TOUR EXTENSION Phu Quoc Island Paradise 3 Nights

- fr NZD\$999; single supplement NZD\$599; includes
- + Economy class airfare
- + 3 nights 5 star hotel (local rating) accomm.
- + Daily breakfast
- + All transfers in air-conditioned vehicles

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$40

#### DAY 11: Ho Chi Minh City Rhu Quoc Island (B)

Fly to the heart-shaped island of Phu Quoc. Located in the Gulf of Thailand just off the coast of Cambodia & Vietnam. On arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free at leisure. In the evening you may wish to join our optional *Sunset Barbecue & Squid Fishing Cruise* (NZD\$90): *Watch a beautiful sunset over Phu Quoc as you sail out on a fishing boat. A barbecue dinner is provided – if you can hook a squid, you get to eat it!* 

#### DAY 12: Phu Quoc Island (B)

Today you're free to explore the island's rugged jungle, striking white sand, and sparkling cobalt waters. You may join our optional: *Full Day Tour, East and South Phu Quoc Island* (NZD\$130): *Visit a pearl farm, An Thoi Port, a dried sea food market, and Phu Quoc Prison Museum. Built in 1967-68 by the U. S. Army to detain captured Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers, many of the high ranking leaders of Vietnam were detained in Phu Quoc Prison. At Sao Beach – one of the most beautiful beaches of the Island, we enjoy a simple lunch (included in package). Continue on visit Cau Temple, a traditional fish sauce factory, a pepper garden, Su Muon Pagoda & Ham Ninh fishing village.* 

#### DAY 13: Phu Quoc Island (B)

Enjoy the whole day at leisure, or taking up an optional activity.

A. Discover Phu Quoc Vinpearl Land Amusement Park & Safari Park (NZD\$100): This world-class recreational paradise is located by one of the most beautiful sea gulfs in the world. Exciting activities & games such as the Compact Coaster, Swing Carousel, Evolution, Merry-go-round, 4D Movies, Bumpers Cars, Crazy Bull riding, 3D & Video games are available, and much more. Vinpearl Land will definitely not disappoint! Vietnam's largest wildlife conservation park is nestled in Bai Dai, on the Northwest coast of Phu Quoc Island. Vinpearl Safari Park conserves abundant indigenous and exotic flora and fauna. This is a unique opportunity to see wildlife that can't be seen anywhere else! **OR** 

**B. Meals Package** (NZD\$90): Taste world-renowned Vietnamese classics at Vinpearl Land. Your lunch and dinner are freshly prepared by incredibly talented, specialist chefs with 5-star experience. Savour an appetising array of local, regional and international cuisine with a delicious serving of classic and contemporary dishes from Vietnam, as well as Japan, Thailand, China and South Korea and from as far as Russia, the US, France and Italy.

Note: The activities offered can be combined.

#### DAY 14: Depart Phu Quoc (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure before transferring to the airport for your onward flight to Saigon then connecting with your flight home.

#### DAY 15: Arrive Home

Note: All optional programs require minimum 2 passengers to operate and need to be prebooked & prepaid in Australia at least two months prior to departure.



#### DAY 01: Hanoi Arrival (L)

Welcome to Hanoi! Our guide and driver will pick you up at the airport and let's start your Hanoi Half day city tour. Have lunch at a local restaurant and transfer to visit Ho Chi Minh's complex, including the Mausoleum (outside view on Monday and Friday/Fine Art Museum as alternative) of the nation's founder and leader. Here, large crowds gather to pay their respects to the man they simply call Uncle Ho as they silently file past his glass sarcophagus. The Presidential Palace and Uncle Ho's wooden stilt house can also be seen here. One of must-see places in the complex is One Pillar pagoda dating back 11th century. Looking from far distance, its shape looks like a huge lotus flower. The next stop is the Temple of Literature, the site of Vietnam's oldest university and dedicated to one of the world's most famous scholars, Confucius. Inside the temple grounds, huge steles rest on the backs of even larger stone turtles (in Vietnam's culture, the turtle represents longevity). The stele recorded the names of the successful candidates who later became mandarins in the Emperor's court. Return to hotel for check in. Overnight in Hanoi

#### DAY 02: Hanoi – Ninh Binh – Hanoi (B/L)

Tour guide will meet you at your hotel and guide

you to Ninh Binh Province. Located near the Ninh Binh city, Hoa Lu is the site of a 10th-century capital of an ancient Vietnamese Kingdom called Dai Co Viet. The Kingdom was enclosed by a citadel. The citadel and the Yen Ngua limestone hills provided good defence for this kingdom against the invaders. After 2.5 hours driving, you have a chance to enjoy landscape in one of the most famous tourist province in the North of Vietnam. Visiting Hoa Lu you will have the opportunity to explore the mausoleum, temples worshiping the King of Vietnam - the Dinh Tien Hoang Temple (King Dinh temple) and Le Hoan Temple (King Le Temple). Then we will transfer from Hoa Lu to Tam Coc for lunch (buffet or set menu). In the afternoon, we will start to explore Tam Coc - means three caves, often referred to as "Ha Long among the rice paddies". You have a chance to release souls into the natural scenery in Tam Coc caves a beautiful picture combined with Natural beauty and rural countryside make you enjoy a memorable experience when participating in the program. Arrive wharf, we start boat trip on Ngo Dong River to visit Tam Coc to see the beauty of the karst formations as you pass along their base and row into one of the many caves carved through the limestone. Then, cycle for an hour on quiet roads through villages, rice fields, rivers and rocky outcrops in Tam Coc - Bich Dong (around 5

km). Dive back to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel around at 18:30PM. Overnight in Hanoi

#### DAY 03: Hanoi -Da Nang - Hoi An (B)

After breakfast, we are now heading to the airport for your flight to Da Nang, starting a new incredible adventure. Upon arrival, you will have lunch at local restaurant. Then we would drive to towards the southwest to pamper in religious center of My Son Sanctuary - The UNESCO-listed site was constructed between the 7th and the 13th centuries, with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries scattered through a scenic valley. This was the heart of the Champa kingdom for most of its existence, and many of the landmarks recall the Cham people's Hindu beliefs. Transfer to Hoi An for hotel check-in. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 04: Hoi An - Bana Hill - Hoi An (B/L)

Transfer to Ba Na Hill. Take cable car and enjoy the endless tree life of the forest. Experiencing the pristine ecological system of the Ba Na Mountain will leave you a sense of unforeseeable discovery. Continue enjoy funicular to visit the Le Jardin, old wineries - remains of French Villas and Linh Ung pagoda with 27m high Buddha statue. Leave Le Jardin for Gare Debay, the second cable car station, to go to the top of Ba Na. Have lunch Vietnamese





buffet at Restaurant. Visit and play game at the Fantasy Park- Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park- the third largest indoor amusement park in the world (only some free games depending on Ba Na policy). Challenge the most popular adventure ride - Slide of Tube Car (free ride). You could enjoy watch carnival Performance Show, Square Du Dome, etc. Around 14:30pm, take the cable car for leaving Ba Na Hills. Return to your hotel in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 05: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City (B)

Before departing for Ho Chi Minh City, you have more time to discover Hoi An- known for its rustic architecture, easily walkable streets, eclectic painting galleries and tailored clothes. Transfer to Da Nang airport with driver only. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 06: Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

We will spend time to explore some highlights of this modern fast-moving city in the southern Vietnam. Ho Chi Minh City, formerly known as Saigon, is a sprawling metropolis with the largest population in the country. Drive to Cu Chi Tunnel

about 1.5 hour through some nice country areas northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, you are going to visit a massive underground network located near the area once called "Iron Triangle," which served as the termination of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The tunnels were designed by local guerrillas as a springboard for attacking Ho Chi Minh City. The area was used for infiltrating Ho Chi Minh City intelligence agents, part cadres, and sabotage teams. Transferring to Ben Dinh Tunnels (one of the branches of the 200km underground tunnels system in Cu Chi). Exploring the tunnels with local guide who's in uniform of the real guerrilla during the Vietnam War. Returning to Ho Chi Minh City for Lunch. You have a chance enjoy Authentic Vietnamese food is called "PHO". Then transfer to city centre for Half Day Sightseeing: Reunification Palace, War Remnant Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral (closed for renovation until the end of 2019), visit Opera House to replace, Central Post Office, Ben Thanh Market. Then transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 07: Departure flight (B)

Check out from hotel and head to the airport for your departure flight. Goodbye and wish you have a great time in Vietnam.





\*Price does not apply at local public holidays, festivals and trade fairs. \*Price is based on minimum two people travelling, twin share.

#### Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Rex Hanoi Hotel, Executive room Hanoi Hoi An Thanh Binh Riverside, Deluxe Riverview Room Ho Chi Minh Liberty Central Saigon Centre, Deluxe Room

#### **Price includes**

- Domestic flights
- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- · All transfers and transportation in private vehicles

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (USD\$5 per





#### DAY 01 Arrival Hanoi (D)

Fly to Hanoi - the heart of Northern Vietnam. Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, boasts tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples via connecting cities. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel by driver only. Around 18:30pm, you are picked up from your hotel by rickshaw. Take rickshaw ride around the trading area in Hanoi Old Quarter then take you past Hoan Kiem Lake to see the peaceful water. This scenic lake is part of the historical centre of Hanoi, playing a significant part in the daily cultural life of its people. There is a local legend of the Golden Turtle God appearing to an emperor above the lake. And then we will stop at the Opera House in the centre of Hanoi, built in French colonial times and now one of Hanoi's symbols. At about 19:45pm, rickshaw ride to Water puppet show to enjoy the water puppet show - Water Puppet (or Puppetry) is a unique traditional folk theatrical art form, formed in rice culture. Being a folk art, water puppetry art has become a traditional art, a special creation of the Vietnamese people. After that we will take a walk on the streets in the old quarter and enjoy the Vietnamese traditional food: Beef noodles. Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 02 Hanoi - Ninh Binh - Hanoi (B/L)

Tour guide will meet you at your hotel and guide you to Ninh Binh Province. Located near the Ninh Binh city, Hoa Lu is the site of a 10th-century capital of an ancient Vietnamese Kingdom called Dai Co Viet. The Kingdom was enclosed by a citadel. The citadel and the Yen Ngua limestone hills provided good defence for this kingdom against the invaders. After 2.5 hours driving, you have a chance to enjoy landscape in one of the most famous tourist province in the North of Vietnam. Visiting Hoa Lu you will have the opportunity to explore the mausoleum, temples worshiping the King of Vietnam - the Dinh Tien Hoang Temple (King Dinh temple) and Le Hoan Temple (King Le Temple). Then we will transfer from Hoa Lu to Tam Coc for lunch (buffet or set menu). In the afternoon, we will start to explore Tam Coc - means three caves, often referred to

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#### DAY 03 Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Pick you up from your hotel in Hanoi and start our trip to explore the most amazing bay in the North of Vietnam. Arrive in our office at Hon Gai Pier, you will have a bit of time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. Wait for our captain to finish the registration and transfer by tender to our boat. Enjoy welcome drink



and spend a couple of minutes briefing about safety on boat and activities included. Delicious Vietnamese set menu will be served while leisurely cruising further into Bai Tu Long Bay. Arrive in kayaking area – that is Cap La Island. Enjoy kayaking through the karst and breath-taking nature, swimming and relaxing. Get back to the boat and enjoy our Sunset party while our cruise sails to the overnight anchorage. Sumptuous setdinner on board. Free time to challenge yourself in Vietnamese puzzle games, or gather your group/family for a board game; try your luck with squid fishing or simply have a cocktail and enjoy the quiet night on the bay. Overnight on board

#### DAY 04 Halong Bay – Hanoi - Da Nang – Hoi An (B/L)

Start your day with a Tai Chi routine on sundeck or catch a morning view of the stunning bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Breakfast will be served in Western style, familiar to you to fulfil your strength and ready for another day exploring. Explore the well-



hidden Thien Canh Son Cave. Upon return to the boat you will have about 30 minutes to freshen up and finish packing. Attend in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration. You can quickly learn a simple but delicious Vietnamese dish that Gordon Ramsey (a 2 Michelin Star Chef) used to guide – Nem Cuon or challenge yourself in fruit and vegetables carving. Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch on boat. Back to the harbour and disembark in Hon Gai pier. Take you back to the airport for your flight to Da Nang. Upon arrival, transfer to Hoi An and stay overnight.

### DAY 05 My Son Sanctuary - Hoi An ancient town excursion (B/L)

Pick up at hotel and then we drive towards the southwest to pamper in religious centre of My Son Sanctuary - The UNESCO – listed site was constructed between the 7th and the 13th centuries, with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries scattered through a scenic valley. This was the heart of the Champa kingdom, and many of the landmarks recall the Cham people's Hindu beliefs. After lunch with Vietnamese dishes, you continuously visit Hoi An Ancient Town - an exceptionally well-preserved example of a South-East Asian trading port dating from the 15th to the 19th century. Its buildings and its street plan reflect the influences, both indigenous and foreign, that have combined to produce this unique heritage site. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 06 Hoi An – Ho Chi Minh City – Discover Cu Chi Tunnel (B/L)

Say goodbye to beautiful Hoi An town, we are now heading to Da Nang Airport for your flight to the next destination - Ho Chi Minh City. Our tour guide and driver will wait for you at the airport. Have lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, visit Cu Chi Tunnels located approximately 70km northwest of Ho Chi Minh City centre in Cu Chi Rural District. They consist of more than 200km of underground tunnels. This main axis system has many branches connecting to underground hideouts, shelters, and entrances to other tunnels. This underground network provided sleeping quarters, meeting rooms, hospitals, and other social rooms. Arriving at Cu Chi Tunnels, you will watch documentary video and explore the tunnels. You will be guided to the tunnels system including the weapon factory, hospitals, kitchens and crawl under the tunnels. After that you'll have the chance to try delicious manioc which is the main food in Cu Chi during the war. You'll also have the opportunity to try to fire off an AK47 or MK16 or machine gun at the nearby shooting range (at your own cost). Free in the evening. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 07 Ho Chi Minh City – Full day to Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

Leave Ho Chi Minh City behind as you drive about 2.5

hours to the Mekong Delta town of Cai Be, one of the less travelled parts at the centre of the agricultural basket. Hop aboard a small boat to take a trip around the Cai Be colourful floating market cruising among local barges full of fruits and vegetables. Though it is not nearly as busy and crowded as day's past, you might still spot locals tossing watermelons or pineapple between their boats! The rowing boat will take you deeper into the countryside on smaller canals of the Delta surrounded by thousands of coconut palms to enjoy the peaceful time. Lunch at the local house, after meals we can walk around and then we will enjoy some different kinds of fruits while listening to the traditional music. One more thing to do in this trip is biking! It will be so amazing to bike on village paths to see traditional houses made of wood and palm tree leaves and see some activities of the local farmers with an opportunity to make contacts with them and know how to make rice paper, coconut candy and pop-rice, pop-corn.... Visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful potteries from clay. Hop back on board the boat to explore more of the waterways before returning. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 08 Arrive Home (B)

Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

#### Prices are from per person



\*Price does not apply at local public holidays, festivals and trade fairs. \*Price is based on minimum two people travelling, twin share.

#### Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Hanoi Rex Hanoi Hotel, Executive room

Halong Bay Renea Cruise, Deluxe Cabin

Hoi AnThanh Binh Riverside, Deluxe Riverview RoomHo Chi Minh Liberty Central Saigon Centre, Deluxe Room

#### **Price includes**

- Domestic flights
- 7 nights hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- · Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicle
- Daily 2 complimentary bottle water

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (USD\$5 per person per day suggested).

# VIETNAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hanoi-Halong Bay-Da Nang-Hoi An-Ho Chi Minh City

**Tour Type: Private tour** 



#### Tour Highlights:

- Halong Bay Cruise
- Golden Bridge & Bana Hill
- Tra Que Vegetable Village
- Dinner on Bonsai Cruise

#### DAY 01: Hanoi Arrival

Welcome to Hanoi! Our guide and driver will pick you up at the airport and let's start your Hanoi Half day city tour. Drive to Ho Chi Minh's complex, including the Mausoleum (outside view on Monday and Friday/Fine Art Museum as alternative) of the nation's founder and leader. Here, large crowds gather to pay their respects to the man they simply call Uncle Ho as they silently file past his glass sarcophagus. The Presidential Palace and Uncle Ho's wooden stilt house can also be seen here. One of must-see places in the complex is One Pillar pagoda dating back 11th century. Looking from far distance, its shape looks like a huge lotus flower. The next stop is the Temple of Literature, the site of Vietnam's oldest university and dedicated to one of the world's most famous scholars, Confucius. Inside the temple grounds, huge steles rest on the backs of even larger stone turtles (in Vietnam's culture, the turtle represents longevity). The stele recorded the names of the successful candidates who later became mandarins in the Emperor's court. Return to hotel and get some rest. Finish unforgettable full day Hanoi Sightseeing! Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 02: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi and start our trip to explore the most amazing bay in the North of Vietnam. On the way, we will have a quick stop. Arrive in our office at Hon Gai Pier, you will have a bit of time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. Wait for our captain to finish the registration and transfer by tender to our boat. Enjoy welcome drink and spend a couple of minutes listening to safety instruction on the boat and activities included, then we check in our cabin. Delicious Vietnamese set menu will be served while leisurely cruising further into Bai Tu Long Bay. Arrive in kayaking area - that is Cap La Island. Enjoy kayaking through the karst and breath-taking nature, swimming and relaxing. Get back to the boat and enjoys our Sunset party while our cruise sails to the overnight anchorage. Sumptuous set-dinner on board. Free time to challenge yourself in Vietnamese puzzle games, or gathers your group/family for a board game; try your luck with squid fishing or simply have a cocktail and enjoy the quiet night on the bay. Overnight on board

#### DAY 03: Halong Bay - Hanoi - Da Nang - Hoi An (B/L)

Start your day with a Tai Chi routine on sundeck or catch a morning view of the stunning bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Breakfast will be served in Western style, familiar to you to fulfil your strength and ready for another exploring day. Explore the well-hidden Thien Canh Son Cave. Upon return to the boat you will have about 30 minutes to freshen up and finish packing. Attend in a Vietnamese cooking demonstration. You can quickly learn a simple but delicious Vietnamese dish that Gordon Ramsey (a 2 Michelin Star Chef) used to guide – Nem Cuon or challenge yourself in fruit and vegetables carving. Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch on boat. Back to the harbour and disembark in Hon Gai pier. Our shared limousine will take you back to the hotel in Hanoi. Then take private car transfer to the airport for the flight in Da Nang. After arrival, transfer to Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 04: Hanoi - Hoi An - My Son Sanctuary (B/L)

Goodbye Hanoi, we are now heading to the airport for your flight to Da Nang, promising a new incredible adventure. Our guide and driver will pick you up at the airport. Have lunch at local restaurant with Vietnamese dishes and then we drive towards the southwest to pamper in religious centrelone of My Son Sanctuary - The UNESCO – listed site was constructed between the 7th and the 13th centuries, with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries scattered through a scenic valley. This was the heart of the Champa kingdom, and many of the landmarks recall the Cham people's Hindu beliefs. Then transfer you to your hotel in Hoi An town. After check in, you are free to explore Hoi An at your own leisure. Overnight in Hoi An

#### DAY 05: Hoi An – Explore Golden Bridge & Bana Hills – Hoi An (B/L)

Transfer to Ba Na Hill for a panorama view of Ba



Na cable car system in the central city of Da Nang was awarded Guinness records for the longest and highest non-stop cable car system with the biggest height gap between its departures. Arrive at the cable car station. Sitting in the cabin, in mid-air, looking upon the endless tree life of the forest. Experiencing the pristine ecological system of the Ba Na Mountain that will leave you a sense of unforeseeable discovery. Continue to enjoy funicular to Visit the Le Jardin, old wineries - remains of French Villas and Linh Ung pagoda with 27m high Buddha statue. Leave Le Jardin for Gare Debay, the second cable car station, to go to the top of Ba Na. Have lunch Vietnamese buffet at Restaurant. Visit and play game at the Fantasy Park- Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park- the third largest indoor amusement park in the world (only some free games depending on Ba Na policy). Challenge the most popular adventure ride - Slide of Tube Car (free ride). You could enjoy watch carnival Performance Show, Square Du Dome, etc. Note: the schedule of performance can be changed because of weather. Leave Ba Na Hills by cable car and return to hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 06: Full day Tra Que Vegetable Village (B/L)

Our English-speaking guide and driver will meet you at the hotel lobby. Tra Que is a charming little village on the edge of Hoi An, the village is named after the sweet scented vegetables that spice up the everyday meals of the Pho Hoi people. Here a new spirit for traditional Hoi An dishes like Cao Lau, Quang noodles, enjoy cooking class served by host with the local 'Tam Huu' spring rolls which were primarily made from Tra Que vegetables and cake with meat (Banh xeo) has been enlivened. Take Bicycle to local market to buy ingredients and vegetables for cooking class. A short stroll will take you around the vegetable garden and then you can join the farmers in preparing the land and fertilizing it with seaweed from the local lake. Following steps are raking the ground, sowing, watering, picking vegetables and other gardening activities. After all these activities, you will have a chance to enjoy the herbal foot massage with a real farmer concept. Meet chef and learn how to cook. Your lunch consists of many local delicacies including "tam huu" spring rolls, 'banh xeo' or local pancake of people in middle region. We then sit down and enjoy the lovely local meal. At the end, we will say good bye to Tra Que and return to your hotel. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 07: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City (B/D)

In the morning, you will head back to Da Nang City to take a flight to Ho Chi Minh City -formerly known as Saigon, is a sprawling metropolis with the largest population in the country. Transfer back to the hotel from the airport by driver only. Get some rest and explore the city on your own and be

ready to enjoy the night life of this fast-moving city. Enjoy a one of a kind dinner cruise on our uniquely crafted Indochinese river vessel Bonsai Legacy by Bonsai Cruise. This fully staffed & authentic 2 hours dinner cruise allows you to discover the heart of Ho Chi Minh City from a different angle. We deliver a 'new level of special' that is unsurpassed in local cruises. A haven for multi-sensory surprises and innovative menu and beverage concepts. We empower local artisans, traders, chefs and artists to promote the traditional crafts and arts of South East Asia especially those in Vietnam. A place where ancient Indochina meets French saviourfaire all colliding with fast paced Ho Chi Minh City! Elegance, Elevation and Experience - The Bonsai way. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 08: Full day Cu Chi Tunnel & City tour (B/L)

Free at your own leisure or you can book one of our optional tours. Our guide will pick up you at the lobby hotel and transfer to Cu Chi Tunnel about 1.5 hour through some nice country areas northwest of Ho Chi Minh City. You are going to visit a massive underground network located near the area once called "Iron Triangle," which served as the termination of the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The tunnels were designed by local guerrillas as a springboard for attacking Ho Chi Minh City. The area was used for infiltrating Ho Chi Minh City intelligence agents, part cadres, and sabotage teams. Transferring to Ben Dinh Tunnels (one of the branches of the 200km underground tunnels system in Cu Chi). Exploring the tunnels with local guide who's in uniform of the real guerrilla during the Vietnam War. Returning to Ho Chi Minh City for lunch. You have a chance to enjoy Authentic Vietnamese food is called "PHO". Then transfer to Half Day Sightseeing: Reunification Palace, War Remnant Museum, Notre Dame Cathedral (closed for renovation until the end of 2019), visit Opera House to replace, Central Post Office, Ben Thanh Market. Transferring you back to your hotel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 09: Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)

Today you are free at your leisure until our driver transfers you to the airport for your flight back home.

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#### Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Hanoi Rex Hanoi Hotel, Executive room

Halong Bay Renea Cruise, Deluxe Cabin

Hoi An Thanh Binh Riverside, Deluxe Riverview Room Ho Chi Minh Liberty Central Saigon Centre, Deluxe Room

- Domestic flights
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- English-speaking tour guide
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# VIETNAM HERITAGE JOURNEY

Hanoi-Halong Bay-Hue-Hoi An- Ho Chi Minh City

**Tour Type: Private tour** 

#### 12 DAYS

#### Tour Highlights:

- The Quintessence of Tonkin show
- Halong Bay Cruise
- Hue city tour
- Phong Ha Cave
- Mekong Delta

#### DAY 01: Arrival Hanoi

Fly to Hanoi - the heart of Northern Vietnam. Hanoi, Vietnam's capital city, boasts tree-lined streets and centuries-old temples via connecting cities. Transfer to your hotel for check in by driver only. At 17:00, be at pick-up point, the shuttle bus will transfer you to the stage of The Quintessence of Tonkin show. The spectacle which lasts approximately 60 minutes can be best thought of as a mosaic of Vietnamese culture, taking the most compelling elements and weaving them into a performance masterpiece. Overnight in Hanoi

#### DAY 02: Hanoi city Tour (B/L)

Pick up at hotel to take part in Hanoi City Tour, firstly visit Ho Chi Minh's mausoleum (outside view on Monday and Friday/Fine Art Museum as alternative), his house on stilt, the botanical garden and the Presidential palace while learning about his life and revolutionary activities. On the way out visit One Pillar pagoda. The pagoda was constructed in 1049 by King Ly Thai Tong according to his dream of Bodhisattva seating on a lotus flower and led him to the pagoda and Temple of Literature. Having lunch at a local restaurant. After that, visit, Hoan Kiem Lake (Restored Sword lake) with Ngoc Son temple and Ethnology Museum (closed every Monday/ Vietnam Women's Museum as alternative). Then take the 1 hour rickshaw tour around the Old quarter through its streets which are named after the guilds that used to represent such as Hang Bac (Silver Street), Hang Gai (Silk Street), Hang Tre (Bamboo Street) etc. Return to hotel and overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 03: Ha Noi – Hoa Lu, Tam Coc – Ha Noi (B/L)

Tour guide will see you at your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter, then leave by coach to Hoa Lu (2.5 hrs). Located near the Ninh Binh city, Hoa Lu is the site of a 10th-century capital of an ancient Vietnamese Kingdom called Dai Co Viet. The Kingdom was enclosed by a citadel. The citadel and the Yen Ngua limestone hills provided good defence for this kingdom against the invaders. You have a chance to enjoy landscape in one of the most famous tourist province in the North of Vietnam. Visiting Hoa Lu you will have the opportunity to explore the mausoleum, temples worshiping the King of Vietnam - the Dinh Tien Hoang Temple (King Dinh temple) and Le Hoan Temple (King Le Temple). Then we will transfer from Hoa Lu to Tam Coc for lunch (buffet or set menu). At afternoon, we will start to explore Tam Coc - means three caves, is often referred to as "Ha Long among the rice paddies". You have a chance to release souls into the natural scenery in Tam Coc caves a beautiful picture combined with Natural beauty and rural countryside. You will have a memorable experience when participating in the program. Arrive wharf, we start boat trip on Ngo Dong River to visit Tam Coc to see the beauty of the karst formations as you pass along their base and row into one of the many caves carved through the limestone. Then, cycle for an hour on quiet roads through villages, rice fields, rivers and rocky outcrops in Tam Coc - Bich Dong (around 5 km). Dive back to Hanoi and drop off at your hotel around at 18:30PM. Overnight in Hanoi

#### DAY 04: Hanoi – Halong Bay (B/L/D)

Pick up from your hotel in Hanoi and start our trip to explore the most amazing bay in the North of Vietnam. On the way, we will have a quick stop. Arrive in our office at Hon Gai Pier, you will have time to relax and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee. Wait for our captain to finish the registration and transfer by tender to our boat. Enjoy welcome drink and spend a couple of minutes briefing about safety on boat and activities included then we check in our cabin. Delicious Vietnamese set menu will be served while leisurely cruising further into Bai Tu Long Bay. Arrive in kayaking area – that is Cap La Island. Enjoy kayaking through the karst and breath-taking nature, swimming and relaxing. Get back to the boat and enjoys our Sunset party while our cruise sailing to the overnight anchorage. Sumptuous setdinner on board. Free time to challenge yourself in Vietnamese puzzle games, or gathers your group/ family for a board game; try your luck with squid fishing or simply has a cocktail and enjoy the quiet night on the bay. Overnight on board

#### DAY 05: Halong Bay – Hanoi - Hue (B/L)

Start your day with a Tai Chi routine on sundeck or catch a morning view of the stunning bay's landscape with a cup of tea or coffee. Breakfast will be served in Western style. Explore the wellhidden Thien Canh Son Cave. Upon return to the boat you will have about 30 minutes to freshen up and finish packing. Attend a Vietnamese cooking demonstration. You can quickly learn a simple but delicious Vietnamese dish that Gordon Ramsey (a 2 Michelin Star Chef) used to guide - Nem Cuon or challenge yourself in fruit and vegetable carving. Enjoy a traditional Vietnamese lunch on boat. Back to the harbour and disembark in Hon Gai pier. Our shared limousine will take you back to the hotel in Hanoi. Our private car transfers to the train station for the trip to Hue (you will be provided breakfast box before you get on the train. Overnight on Train.

#### DAY 06: Full day Hue City (B/L)

Pick-up at the train station, you will head to a day explore Hue city. Start your visit at the Citadel, Hue's prime attraction. Here you will find the Imperial City, the Forbidden Purple City and the Emperor's Private Residence. Following this, we will take a boat trip on the Perfume River with a stopover at Thien Mu pagoda, considered by many as the unofficial symbol of Hue. It is an active Buddhist monastery with its origins dating back to 1601. One of its most poignant displays is a car belonging to a former monk, who in 1963, drove to Sai Gon and set himself alight to protest against the South Vietnamese regime and its cruel treatment of Buddhist monks and followers. Upon arrival in Hue, enjoy lunch at garden house restaurant. Continue visiting the serene Khai Dinh Royal Tomb, designed to blend in with its natural surroundings and built on principles of feng-shui. At the conclusion of your tour, you will be transferred to your Hue hotel. Overnight in Hue.

#### DAY 07: Hue – Phong Ha Cave – Hue (B/L/D)

Early morning, our Guide will pick you up at your hotel in Hue city. Then, you will depart to Phong Nha Ke Bang national Park, classified as the World heritage site. On the way, you will stop over La Vang holy land - a national shrine located in Hai Lang district, Quang Tri Province, an important place of pilgrimage of Catholic Vietnam. On the car, our guide will introduce information about DMZ of Quang Tri including The Old Citadel, Hien Luong Bridge, and Ben Hai River, Doc Mieu Base. Have Lunch at restaurant and have a short rest. Boat trip on Son River to visit Phong Nha cave. After 25 minutes on the boat, you will arrive Phong Nha cave. Take a couple of hours to visit the cave. You discover Phong Nha Cave, which contains many fascinating rock formations given beautiful names such as the "Lion", the "Fairy Caves", the "Royal Court", and the "Buddha. After visiting Phong Nha Cave, back to Hue. Arrive in Hue at the evening, back to your hotel after having dinner. Overnight in Hue

#### DAY 08: Hue - My Son Holy Land - Hoi An (B/L)

Pick up at hotel and then we drive to Hoi An by driver only. After lunch with Vietnamese dishes. Our guide will meet you at the restaurant, continue your trip to My Son Sanctuary. Drive towards the southwest to pamper in religious centre of My Son Sanctuary -The UNESCO – listed site was constructed between the 7th and the 13th centuries, with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries scattered through a scenic valley. This was the heart of the Champa kingdom, and many of the landmarks recall the Cham people's Hindu beliefs. After tour you are back to your hotel in Hoi An for check-in. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 09: Hoi An Half day Excursion (B)

Pick up at hotel. Hoi An was a bustling international trading port, a meeting place of the trading ships of Japan, China and the West during the 17th and 18th centuries. Before this period, there was traces of Champa port which was known as a site on Silk Road along the sea. It is now considered as a special example of a traditional port city in Southeast Asia which has been well preserved. Most houses here are of traditional architecture dating from the 17th to the 19th century, and are along the narrow main streets. UNESCO has recognized the ancient town of Hoi An as a world cultural heritage in 1999. Arrive Hoi An, visit museum and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 10: Hoi An - Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

Say goodbye to beautiful Hoi An town, we are now heading to Da Nang Airport for your flight to the next destination – Ho Chi Minh City. Our tour guide and driver wait for you at the airport. Have lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, visit Cu Chi Tunnels - located approximately 70km northwest of Ho Chi Minh City centre in Cu Chi Rural District. They consist of more than 200km of underground tunnels. This main axis system has many branches connecting to underground hideouts, shelters, and entrances to other tunnels. This underground network provided sleeping quarters, meeting rooms, hospitals, and other social rooms. Arriving at Cu Chi Tunnels, you will watch documentary video and explore the tunnels. You will be guided to the tunnels system including the weapon factory, hospitals, kitchens and crawl under the tunnels. After that you'll have the chance to try delicious manioc which is the main food for guerrillas in Cu Chi during the war. You'll also have the opportunity to try to fire off an AK47 or MK16 or machine gun at the nearby shooting range (at your own cost). Free in the evening. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 11: Ho Chi Minh City –Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

Leave Ho Chi Minh City behind as you drive about 2.5 hours to the Mekong Delta town of Cai Be, one of the less travelled parts at the centre of the agricultural basket. Hop aboard a small boat to take a trip around the Cai Be colourful floating market cruising among local barges full of fruits and vegetables. Though it is not nearly as busy and crowded as day's past, you might still spot locals tossing watermelons or pineapple between their boats! The rowing boat will take you deeper into the countryside on smaller canals of the Delta surrounded by thousands of coconut palms to enjoy the peaceful time. Lunch at the local house, after meals we can walk around and then we will enjoy some kinds of fruits when listening to the traditional music. One more thing to do in this trip is biking! It will be so amazing to bike on village paths to see traditional houses made of wood and palm tree leaves and see some activities of the local farmers with an opportunity to make contacts with them and know how to make rice paper, coconut candy and pop-rice, pop-corn. Visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful potteries from clay. Hop back on board the boat to explore more of the waterways before return. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 12: Ho Chi Minh City Departure

Free at leisure until transfer to the airport for the flight back home.

#### Prices are from per person

#### \$3,400

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Hoi An	Thanh Binh Riverside, Deluxe Riverview Room
Hue	Eldora hotel, Deluxe City room
Halong Bay	Renea Cruise, Deluxe Cabin
Hanoi	Rex Hanoi Hotel, Executive room

#### Price includes

- Domestic flights
- Train from Hanoi to Hue (shared cabin)
- Hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicle
- Daily 2 complimentary bottle water

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (USD\$5 per person per day suggested).



# HANOI SNAPSHOT



#### Tour Highlights:

- Hanoi city tour
- Halong Bay cruise

#### Price per person is from

Hotel Standard	Hotel Name	Price per person
3*	Ha Noi: Ha Noi Boutique, Deluxe Room – 3 nights	\$550
4*	Ha Noi: Rex Ha Noi, Executive Room – 3 nights	\$655

\*Price does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.
\*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling.

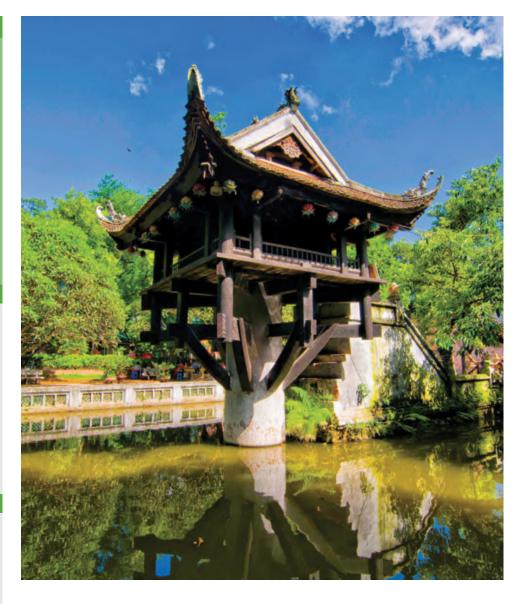
#### Inclusions

- Accommodation in: Twin/Double sharing room
   + Breakfast
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance tickets per the itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Meals as mentioned (B = Breakfast/ L = Lunch/ D = Dinner)
- Complimentary 2 bottles of drinking water per person per day

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (USD\$5 per person per day suggested).



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#### DAY 01: Hanoi Arrival

Welcome to Hanoi! The modern capital of Vietnam, and the heart of Northern Vietnam. Our driver will pick you up at the airport and transfer to hotel for check in. Overnight in Hanoi

#### DAY 02: Hanoi Full day City (B/L)

Pick up at your hotel and let's start your full day city tour. Drive to Ho Chi Minh's complex, including the Mausoleum (outside view on Monday and Friday/ Fine Art Museum as alternative) of the nation's founder and leader. Here, large crowds gather to pay their respects to the man they simply call Uncle Ho as they silently file past his glass sarcophagus. The Presidential Palace and Uncle Ho's wooden stilt house can also be seen here. One of must-see places in the complex is One Pillar pagoda dating back 11th century. Looking from far distance, its shape looks like a huge lotus flower. The next stop is the Temple of Literature, the site of Vietnam's oldest university and dedicated to one of the world's most famous scholars, Confucius. Inside the temple grounds, huge steles rest on the backs of even larger stone turtles (in Vietnam's culture, the turtle represents longevity). The stele recorded the names of the successful candidates who later became mandarins in the Emperor's court. Have lunch at a local restaurant. After that, visit, Hoan Kiem Lake (Restored Sword lake) with Ngoc Son temple and Ethnology Museum (closed every Monday/ Vietnam Women's Museum as alternative). Then take the 1 hour cyclo tour around the Old quarter through its streets which are named after the guilds that used to represent such as Hang Bac (Silver Street), Hang Gai (Silk Street), Hang Tre (Bamboo Street) etc... Return to hotel. Finish unforgettable full day Hanoi Sightseeing! Overnight in Hanoi.

#### DAY 03: Hanoi – Ha Long Bay – Hanoi (B/L)

Halong Cruise day trip will take you for a discovery of Halong Bay. Three different formulas to take you each for a ride amidst the magic archipelago; and depending on the length of the cruise, you'll enjoy a global overview of different wonders that this UNESCO World Heritage site has to offer. Early in the morning, you are picked up by shuttle bus and start the scenic, 3.5 hour drive to Halong Bay. Enjoy the landscape of the Red River Delta country side and have a short break on the way. You arrive at the Tuan Chau Haber, then embark your private boat followed by a short cruise briefing. Start a dreamy cruise to stunning scenery with thousands of limestone mountains and have seafood lunch while cruising through the emerald water passing by the Dog Stone, the Burning Incense islet, the symbol of Halong Bay. You will then head on to Thien Cung (Heavenly Palace Grotto), a magnificent cave. Explore their huge chambers adorned with stalactites and stalagmites of all kinds. Enjoy Kayaking or Bamboo boat around the islands and water tunnels and bask in the charm of this natural paradise. Late in afternoon, back to Tourist wharf and get on shuttle bus to Hanoi. Arrive in Hanoi.

#### DAY 04: Departure flight (B)

After breakfast, head you to the airport for your departure flight. Goodbye and wish you have great time in Vietnam.

# DA NANG DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Da Nang city tou
- My Son Holy Lan
- Hoi An city tour

#### Price per person is from

Hotel Standard	Hotel Name	Price per person
4*	Hoi An: Thuy Duong III, Deluxe Room – 3 nights	\$629
4*	Hoi An: Thanh Binh Riverside, Deluxe Room – 3 nights	\$589

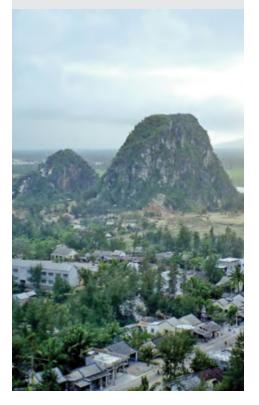
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#### Inclusions

- Accommodation in: Twin/Double sharing room + Breakfast
- All transfers by private air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance tickets per the itinerary
- English speaking tour guide
- Meals as mentioned (B = Breakfast/ L = Lunch/ D = Dinner)
- Complimentary 2 bottles of drinking water per person per day

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (USD\$5 per person per day suggested).





#### DAY 01: Arrive at Da Nang – Half day City Da Nang – Hoi An (B/L)

Fly to Da Nang City. Upon arrival, we visit the Cham Sculpture Museum, which boasts the finest collection of Cham sandstone sculptures in the world and Marble Mountain, a cluster of five marble and limestone mountains which are named after the five elements and is a popular sightseeing location in Da Nang because of its alluring beauty. Continue to Hoi An, the most charming town in Vietnam. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 02: Hoi An – Explore Golden Bridge – Hoi An (B/L)

Transfer to Ba Na Hill for a panorama view of Ba Na cable car system in the central city of Da Nang was awarded Guinness records for the longest and highest non-stop cable car system with the biggest height gap between its departures. Arrive at the cable car station. Sitting in the cabin, in mid-air, looking upon the endless tree lone of the forest. Experiencing the pristine ecological system of the Ba Na Mountain will leave you a sense of unforeseeable discovery. Continue to enjoy funicular to Visit the Le Jardin, old wineries remains of French Villas and Linh Ung pagoda with 27m high Buddha statue. Leave Le Jardin for Gare Debay, the second cable car station, to go to the top of Ba Na. Have lunch Vietnamese buffet at Restaurant. Visit and play game at the Fantasy Park- Ba Na Hills Fantasy Park- the third largest indoor amusement park

in the world (only some free games depending on Ba Na policy). Challenge the most popular adventure ride – Slide of Tube Car (free ride). You could enjoy watch carnival Performance Show, Square Du Dome, etc. Note: The schedule of performance can be changed because of weather. Return the Cable Car for leaving Ba Na Hills. Return to your hotel in Hoi An. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### Day 03: My Son Holy Land - Hoi An Half Day City (B/L)

Pick up at hotel and then we would drive towards the southwest to pamper in religious centre of My Son Sanctuary - The UNESCO – listed site was constructed between the 7th and the 13th centuries, with dozens of red brick towers and sanctuaries scattered through a scenic valley. This was the heart of the Champa kingdom, and many of the landmarks recall the Cham people's Hindu beliefs. After lunch with Vietnamese dishes, you continuously visit Hoi An Ancient Town- an exceptionally well-preserved example of a South-East Asian trading port dating from the 15th to the 19th century. Its buildings and its street plan reflect the influences, both indigenous and foreign, that have combined to produce this unique heritage site. Overnight in Hoi An.

#### DAY 04: Da Nang Departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to your home.

# HO CHI MINH CITY SNAPSHOT



#### Tour Highlights:

- Cu Chi Tunnel
- Mekong Delta
- Ho Chi Minh city tour

#### Price per person is from

Hotel Standard	Hotel Name	Price per person
3*	Ho Chi Minh: Sun Flower, Deluxe Room – 3 nights	\$769
4*	Ho Chi Minh: Liberty Central Saigon Central, Deluxe Room – 3 nights	\$929

 $^{\star}\mbox{Price}$  does not apply at Chinese public holidays, local festivals and trade fairs.

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# DAY 01: Arrive at Ho Chi Minh City – Half day city (B/L)

Our tour guide and driver will wait for you at the airport. Upon arrival, have lunch at local restaurant. After lunch, take a brief on the day and notifications. Have a walk to Notre Dame, the Post Office and along the Catinat to Opera House, Hotel de Ville, famed Rex and other historically colonial site of Ho Chi Minh City. Arrive to the front of Reunification Palace (outside only) where the tank of North Vietnam has crashed into the gate and end the war in Vietnam. Visit the colourful Mariamman Hindu Temple. On the way we can stop by a local coffee shop and get a cup of "Cà Phê Sữa Đá" – Vietnamese ice coffee with sweet condensed milk. Tempt the taste buds at Nhu Lan Baker shop for special Vietnamese baguette. Last stop is Ben Thanh Market, one of the busiest local markets that you should visit to enjoy famous Vietnamese foods and shopping for lovely souvenirs. You will definitely be amazed by plenty of colourful kiosks where they sell foods, gifts, clothes and thousands of other items here. End the walking tour by a taxi back to hotel. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 02: Full day Cu Chi – Cao Dai Temple – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

Our Driver and tour guide pick you up then start from Ho Chi Minh City to Cao Dai Temple in Tay Ninh - a province 95 kms South East of HCMC, close to Cambodia border. Its exterior is decorated with multi-coloured dragons of all shapes and sizes. Above the main entrance is the all-seeing holy eye, the symbol of the Cao Dai sect. The interior is just as engaging as statues of Jesus Christ, Buddha and the Hindu god, Brahma, stand side by side. Cao Dai Temple is the eclectic mix of colours and the amazing use of architecture create a space of beauty, spirituality with a somewhat surreal flavour to western palates! Next transferring to Ben Dinh Tunnels (one of the branches of the 200km underground tunnels system in Cu Chi Tunnel). Exploring the tunnels: You will be guided to the tunnels system including the weapon factory, hospitals, kitchens and crawl under the tunnels. After that you'll have the chance to try delicious manioc which is the main food for guerrillas in Cu Chi during the war. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 03: Full day to Mekong Delta – Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

Leave Ho Chi Minh City behind as you drive about 2.5 hours to the Mekong Delta town of Cai Be, one of the less travelled parts at the centre of the agricultural basket. Hop aboard a small boat to take a trip around the Cai Be colourful floating market cruising among local barges full of fruits and vegetables. Though it is not nearly as busy and crowded as day's past, you might still spot locals tossing watermelons or pineapple between their boats! The rowing boat will take you deeper into the countryside on smaller canals of the Delta surrounded by thousands of coconut palms to enjoy the peaceful time. Lunch at the local house, after meals we can walk around and then we will enjoy some kinds of fruits when listening to the traditional music. One more thing to do in this trip is biking! It will be so amazing to bike on village paths to see traditional houses made of wood as well as palm tree leaves and see some activities of the local farmers with an opportunity to make contacts with them and know how to make rice paper, coconut candy and pop-rice, pop-corn.... Visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful potteries from clay. Hop back on board the boat to explore more of the waterways before returning. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 04: Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to your home.

# HO CHI MINH CITY DELIGHTS



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- Cai Be floating marke
- Mekong Delta

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Hotel Standard	Hotel Name	Price per person
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#### DAY 03: Ho Chi Minh City – Cai Be Vinh Long (B/L/D)

Our Driver and tour guide will pick you up and proceed to Cai Be Harbour. The program will start with a visit of Cai Be floating market. Then, we'll come to Tân Phong Island for biking / walking on village paths to see the local daily life: orchard, school, church, pagoda, traditional houses and maybe the ancestral ways to pick up fruits in Mekong Delta... On the way, we can make some stops to see how they make rice-net for spring-rolls, sewing coconut-leaves for cottage roof and specially see how they wave the dried waterhyacynth to make many products: baskets, bags, hats, wallets, shoes... Then, the rowboat will take you deeper into the countryside on smaller canals to enjoy the peaceful time. Lunch can be served at Ba Kiet. Back to our boat to go across one of the longest rivers in the world, Mekong River, to come to An Bình Island. Travel on Muong Lo handmade canal to check in at Út Trinh / Út Quỳnh / Út Bình homestay. Have a fresh shower before cooking some special dishes with the members of local family. We'll enjoy dinner & overnight at homestay. Overnight in homestay in Vinh Long.

#### DAY 04: Vinh Long- Ho Chi Minh City (B/L)

Have a breakfast and check-out for a walk along the village to enjoy the fresh air in the morning & arrive at the local workshop to see how to make rice paper, coconut candy, pop-rice... Enjoy some sweets with a cup of hot tea. Boat trip to visit the brick kilns where you can see how the local people create beautiful potteries from clay. Our boat will go along the floating village. We will see how to farm catfish on Mekong River. Also, we can visit Vinhlong market in the town. This is the best choice for you to take pictures of fish, shrimps, prawns, crabs, snakes, rice-field rats, tropical fruits, vegetables... The cruise will end at Vinh Long harbour. Overnight in Ho Chi Minh City.

#### DAY 05: Ho Chi Minh City Departure (B)

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to your home.



Japan is truly timeless, a place where ancient traditions are fused with modern life as if it were the most natural thing in the world. Climbing to the summit of Mt. Fuji, exploring glittering Ginza's shopping mecca, relaxing at iconic traditional gardens and playing with deer at Nara Park. Unforgettable travel experience, here it is.

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# IMPRESSIONS OF JAPAN

OSAKA - KYOTO - NARA - NAGOYA - MOUNT FUJI - TOKYO



2020 - 9 DAYS FROM NZD

Starting your tour of Japan in Osaka, you'll visit Kyoto and Nara – famous for their well-preserved ancient castles, temples, and monuments. In Nagoya, visit Inuyama Castle, and explore the 1200 shops and restaurants of Osu Shopping Street. Japan's stunning natural endowments are on the itinerary too, in the form of sacred Mount Fuji and the surrounding region. Your trip wraps up with time free in Tokyo, for sightseeing or shopping.

mage : Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto





Visit Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple.

#### DAY 05: Gyeongju 🔡 Busan (B, L, D)

In Busan, we visit Haedong Yonggungsa Temple and overlooking the ocean. Next, you will have anopportunity to view the waves while looking down through the transparent floor of the 15 metre high Oryukdo Skywalk, which is set over a 35 meter-high coastal cliff. Travel to Gamcheon Culture Village situated on the foothills of a coastal mountain. Stop at one of Korea's largest markets, Nampo Dong Gukje Market. Then visit Nurimaru APEC House, a memorial hall located near Haeundae Beach.

Visit Changdeokgung Palace, one of the 'Five Grand Palaces' built by the Kings of the Jeoson Dynasty, and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antique and art shops, restaurants and tea houses. Continue to Cheonggyecheon Stream and admire this urban oasis before visiting Myeongdong, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

#### DAY 07: Seoul 📑 DMZ 📑 Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, located within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. View North Korean territory, including the Propaganda Village, People's School, and Gaeseong City - the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom – from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit Freedom Park, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. North Hall contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War. Later, try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people at Namsan Hanbok Culture Experience Centre before experiencing the city's best night view at Namsan Tower.

After breakfast, transfer to Incheon Airport.

Note: Baggage allowance for this sector is 1 piece max weight 15 kg per person.



#### DAY 06: Busan 🔡 Seoul (B, L)

#### DAY 08: Seoul 🔆 Osaka (B)



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover **Osaka**, with a day free at leisure
- In Nara, visit the Great Eastern Temple with it's Great Buddha Hall -
- the world's largest wooden building
- Feed the gentle sika deer at Nara Park
- Visit Nagoya's Inuyama Castle, and explore Osu Shopping Street's 1200 shops Drink from clear springs at the foothills of Mount Fuji
- Enjoy free time in **Tokyo**

#### DAY 01: Depart for Osaka

Fly to Osaka via a connecting city. Note: some flights may depart the next day.

#### DAY 02: Arrive in Osaka

On arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 03: Osaka 🔛 Kyoto 🔛 Nara 🛁 Osaka (B)

This morning, travel to Kyoto and visit Fushimi Inari Shrine and Nijo Castle before heading to Nara. Visit Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple), with its Great Buddha Hall - the world's largest wooden building. This impressive building houses the world's largest (15m) bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through Nara Park, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka.

#### DAY 04: Osaka (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You can join an optional Osaka Day Tour (NZD\$275). Please see optional programs for more information.

#### DAY 05: Osaka 🔡 Nagoya (B)

This morning, head to Nagoya and visit Inuyama Castle. Then, head to Atsuta Shinto Shrine (covering 200,000 square meters and established almost 2000 years ago) before enjoying some time for shopping it the Osu Kannon Shopping Quarter. Transfer to your hotel in the evening.

#### DAY 06: Nagoya 🔛 Mount Fuji 🛄 Tokyo (B)

Today, visit Oshino Hakkai, known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Next, visit Hakone Shinto Shrine. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest. Finally, visit Owakudani - 'Great Boiling Valley' is a valley formed by the explosion of Hakone volcano more than 300 years ago, and contains hot springs and steaming sulphur vents - visitors usually eat eggs cooked in the boiling, sulphurous waters. At the end of the day we head to Tokyo. Note: Due to volcanic activity, visit to Owakudani may be replaced by an alternative attraction.

#### DAY 07: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure. You may join our Tokyo Day Tour (NZD\$275) OR Tokyo Disneyland OR DisneySea (NZD\$140). Note: All activities are not quided and transportation is self-arranged.

#### DAY 08: Depart Tokyo (B)

After breakfast transfer to the airport.

#### DAY 09: Arrive Home

Note: Some flights may arrive a day before.

#### PRE-TOUR EXTENSION South Korea 6 Nights

- fr NZD\$2099 single supplement NZD\$610; includes
- + Flight between Seoul and Osaka (local carrier)
- + 6 nights 3-star (local rating) hotel accommodation (twin-share)
- + 6 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L) & 2 dinners (D)
- + Round trip airport & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- + English-speaking tour guide

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$80, peak season surcharge fr NZD\$250, school holiday surcharge fr NZD\$450

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Fly to Seoul via a connecting city. Note: Some flights may depart the next day.

#### DAY 02: Arrive in Seoul

You will be greeted warmly at the airport by your tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 03: Seoul Andong Daegu (B, L)

Visit the traditional village, Andong, which features traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). In Daegu, take a stroll in Dongseongno Shopping District, a major fashion retail district. Enjoy magnificent views by taking a cable car to Palgongsan Natural Park.

#### DAY 04: Daegu 🔄 Gyeongju (B, L)

Today we explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs, and monuments of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient Silla Kingdom (57 BC - 935 AD).



# PRE-TOUR EXTENSION

fr NZD\$2099; single supplement NZD\$800; includes

- + Economy class flights (Tokyo to Taipei)
- + 7 nights hotel 3-star (local rating) accommodation (twin-share)
- + 7 breakfasts (B)
- + Round trip airport & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- + English-speaking tour guide

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$90 and shoulder seasonal surcharge fr NZD\$250, peak seasonal surcharge fr NZD\$450

#### DAY 08: Tokyo 🔆 Taipei

Fly to Taipei via a connecting city.

#### DAY 09: Taipei (B)

Today's highlight is a visit to the **Presidential Building** (outside) and **Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall**. Next, we visit **Tamsui**, a laid back waterfront town on the northern part of Taipei city. Enjoy lunch today at Tamsui Old Street, where you can feast on many **Taiwanese snacks**. Visit **Lin An Tai Historical House and Museum**. In the evening, explore the bustling night life of Taipei. Then proceed to colourful **Huahsi Night Market**.

#### DAY 10: Taipei 🛄 Sun Moon Lake (B)

Travel to **Sun Moon Lake**, situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of central Taiwan for a view of **Xuanguang Temple & Lalu Island** as you relax on the lake's tranquil waters. Then, take Sun Moon Lake Ropeway to the **Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village** and observe Taiwanese traditional indigenous lifestyles.

#### DAY 11: Sun Moon Lake 🗐 Fo Guang Shan 📔 Kaohsiung (B)

After breakfast, we will head to an Oolong Tea Farm before continuing south towards **Kaohsiung** and **Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Centre** (BMC), Completed in 2011, BMC has enshrined a relic of the Buddha given by Tibetan Lama Kunga Dorje Rinpoche, since the beginning of contstruction in 2001. We will be spending most of our day at this place to enjoy the serene atmosphere and explore the entire area at our leisure. Then, learn how to make **Pineapple Tarts at the popular Vigor Pineapple Factory**. Later we will be enter Kaohsiung City and explore **Pier 2 Art Central**, where 25 former warehouses have been converted into a thriving arts precinct.

#### DAY 12: Kaohsiung Kenting Taitung (B)

Visit to Kenting National Park, Taiwan's first nationally recognised park and undoubtedly one of the most spectacular landscapes you will see. Be awestruck by the vastness of the natural reserve and stand on the southernmost tip of the island at **Maopitou** and **Longpan Park**, also known as 'The Light of East Asia'. This afternoon, head to **Kenting Main Street** in the heart of Kenting, an area bustling with locals, tourists and vendors. Spend lunchtime discovering the numerous stalls and restaurants offering a variety of local snacks and cuisines. Travel up the scenic **Southern Link Highway** to Taitung County.





### DAY 13: Taitung 🔛 Taroko 🔛 Hualien (B)

The highlight today is a visit to the **East Coast National Scenic Area**, known as Taiwan's 'last unspoiled land'. Weathering and erosion have produced a wide range of breathtaking landforms here which can only be appreciated first-hand. Stop at **Siao-ye-liou**, **Sansien-tai** (Three Immortals Island), **Shi-ti-ping** (Stone Steps) and take in the spectacular views. Proceed to **Taroko National Park**. Encompassing Taroko Gorge, Swallow Grotto, and Shakadong Trail, the park covers over 120,000 hectares and rises from sea level in the east to heights of over 3700m further west. The aquamarine Liwu River cuts through the centre, forging deep slit valleys before joining the sea.

#### DAY 14: Hualien 🛄 Taipei (B)

Visit a **Marble Factory** on the way back to Taipei. Then visit a local scenic town, **Shifen**. Shifen provides a nice glimpse of Taiwan's beautiful natural scenery.

#### DAY 15: Depert Taipei (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home via a connecting city.

#### DAY 16: Arrive home

#### Optional Packages:

NZD\$109/package, or NZD\$290 for 3 packages

Package A: Qijin Old Street (Day 11) + Round trip Qijin Seaside Park ferry (Day 11) + Hualien Dongdamen night market (Day 13) + Taipei 101 observation deck (Day 14)

Package B: Taiwanese-style roasted chicken dinner (Day 10) + Taitung Japanese dinner (Day 12) + Traditional Hualien cuisine (Day13)

Package C: A traditional Taiwanese dinner, Xiao Long Bao (Day 9) + Taiwanese buffet Shabu Shabu hotpot (Day 11) + Shifen sky lantern (Day 14, 2 people per lantern); Takao hotpot (Day 14)

#### **2020 DEPARTURES**

🛞 20 Mar**	08 May	3 Jul**	💥 06 Nov*
🛞 27 Mar**	22 May	25 Sep**	₩ 13 Nov*
🛞 03 Apr**	05 Jun	09 Oct	
10 Apr*	19 Jun	23 Oct	

\*\*\*Cherry blossom surcharge: NZD\$550 \*\*School holiday surcharge: NZD\$450

Crimson leaf season surcharge: NZD\$350 Single supplement: NZD\$1000

#### K DEPARTURE OPTIONS

#### · AKL: Airfare included

#### $\oplus$ inclusions

- + Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes
- + 6 nights 3-star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 6 breakfasts (B)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

#### $\otimes$ exclusions

- · Prepaid tipping: NZD\$90
- · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

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

- · Economy class: Cathay Pacific, Qantas fr \$550
- · Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2400
- Business class: China Southern fr \$3300,
- Singapore Airlines fr\$4750, Cathay Pacific fr \$5850

#### CC EXTEND YOUR STAY (NZD)

• Early arrival/stay behind fare difference: fr \$280 • Hotel w/breakfast : fr \$390/twin-room/night

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Osaka Airport	Kanku Joytel Hotel
Osaka	IP City Hotel Osaka
Nagoya	Loisir hotel Toyohashi
Tokyo	MOXY Tokyo Kinshicho

#### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)**

Osaka Day Tour	\$275
Tokyo Day Tour	\$275
Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket	\$140
Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket	\$140
Universal Studios Osaka	\$145

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#### Tokyo Day Tour NZD\$275

First stop on this tour is Asakusa Kannon Temple. Afterwards visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified sprits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Proceed to the fashion district Harajuku and Shibuya, an affluent and trendy shopping hotspot. Then proceed to Tokyo Tower, where you will observe the amazing city of Tokyo from up above. Then, relax on a Tokyo bay cruise en route to the beautiful and serene landscaped Hamarikyu Garden beside Tokyo Bay. Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Under 15 pax the tour will be by public transport, over 15 pax will be by coach.

#### Osaka Day Tour NZD\$275

Visit Osaka Castle which was built in 1583 as the intended capital of Japan, before the capital was moved to Edo (now known as Tokyo). Walk through the majestic castle while learning from the exhibit detailing life in old Osaka. From there, walk to the nearby river boat dock to board the Osaka River Cruise for a cruise around Nakanoshima. Explore Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori, the vast restaurant districts, with eateries offering a variety of Japan's most famous street foods. Then travel down to Umeda Skybuilding, where you will get a sweeping view of Osaka. Tour finishes in Osaka. Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Under 15 pax the tour will be by public transport, over 15 pax will be by coach.

#### Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket NZD\$140

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#### Universal Studios Japan NZD\$145

Universal Studios Japan in Osaka is a fun-filled destination for anyone to enjoy. Each area is uniquely themed and offers extraordinary experiences that impress and inspire the guests' emotions. Enjoy a wide variety of entertainment offerings from the exciting ride attractions themed after blockbuster Hollywood movies to the shows performed by popular characters. The theme park has a total of 8 sections: Hollywood, New York, San Francisco, Jurassic Park, Amity Village, Universal Wonderland, Waterworld, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Note: Entry date needs to be nominated at time of booking.

Note: Transportation is not included for optional programs & are subject to availability. Hotels may not be centrally located.









# TIMELESS **JAPAN**

TOKYO - YOKOHAMA - KAWAGUCHIKO - MOUNT FUJI - MATSUMOTO - JIGOKUDANI - KAMIKOCHI -TAKAYAMA - SHIRAKAWAGO - KANAZAWA - KYOTO - NARA - OSAKA



2020 - 16 DAYS FROM NZD

\$5,999 per person twin-share 💥 + 🚍 + 🚔 + 🕅 + 🔯

We have taken the beloved Golden Route of Japan and polished it until it shines even brighter! Now with more destinations, and more attractions, this tour is the best way to experience the depth of Japan's history and culture, and to appreciate the achievements of Japan's technical and urban development.

mage : Himeji Castle





- · Wander through Nara Deer Park where over 1,200 tame sika deer roam freely
- · View Osaka from 40 stories (173m) at the Umeda Sky Building Floating Observatory
- Explore Himeji Castle, the largest surviving traditional castle in in Japan!
- Travel by ferry to Miyajima's Itsukushima Shrine best known for its 'floating torii' on the sea
- · Visit the Atomic Bomb Dome and Peace Memorial Park to learn the history of Hiroshima
- · See the sights of Japan's top landscape gardens Kenrokuen Garden in Kanazawa
- · Explore the cafes and old saké breweries of Takayama's Old Town, a wonderful slice of Old Japan
- · Walk through the beautiful streets of **Gion**, the Geisha district of **Kyoto**
- · Visit Matsumoto Castle, a National Treasure known as 'Crow Castle' due to its dramatic black exterior
- · See the Instagram famous Chureito Pagoda, famed for its views of Mount Fuji
- $\cdot$  Witness the incredible  ${\bf Great}~{\bf Buddha}$  at Kotoku-in Temple located in  ${\bf Kamakura}$
- · Scale the second-tallest structure in the world, the **Tokyo Sky Tree**

#### DAY 01: Depart for Osaka

Fly to Osaka via a connecting city. Note: some flights may depart the next day.

#### DAY 02: Arrive in Osaka

Arrive in Osaka. Your friendly tour representative will be waiting for you at the airport arrival hall. You will then make your way to the hotel.

DAY 03: Osaka 🔛 Nara 💭 Osaka 💭 Amagasaki (B, D)

This morning we travel to Kasuga-Taisha Shrine - A UNESCO world heritage site. It is Nara's most celebrated shrines. The interior is famous for its many bronze lanterns and stone lanterns that lead up the shrine. Next, we visit Todaiji Temple (Great Eastern Temple), with its Great Buddha Hall - the world's largest wooden building. This impressive building houses a huge 15m tall bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. We then wander through Nara Park, where over 1,200 tame sika deer roam freely. Later we head to Namba and Dotonbori area in the city's South encompasses premier shopping districts, restaurants and bars. We then move on to something more modern the Umeda Sky Building Floating Observatory, which provides an unparalleled elevated view of Osaka. The viewing platform is suspended between two 40-story towers, at 173 metres above the city streets. Tonight you will enjoy a dinner buffet at the hotel with your fellow travellers.

#### DAY 04: Amagasaki 🔚 Himeji 🔚 Kurashiki 🗐 Hiroshima (B)

Today we travel to **Himeji Castle**, which is the largest surviving example of a traditional Japanese castle. Comprising 83 buildings, the white roof of this UNESCO-registered complex is said to evoke the wings of a heron taking flight – hence the popular name 'Shirasagi-jō' – White Heron Castle. In 1945 an American firebomb was dropped into the top floor of the keep, but didn't ignite, and the castle was renovated in 1956. Himeji Castle is the most visited in Japan, and the site offers some wonderful views of surrounding Himeji city. Later we travel to **Kurashiki Bikan Historical Quarter** located in Okayama prefecture, known for its traditional historic buildings situated along a picturesque canal.

# DAY 05: Hiroshima 🖵 Miyajima 🖵 Hiroshima

Today we travel by ferry to **Miyajima** – a small island in Hiroshima Bay known for its forests and ancient temples. Here we will visit **Itsukushima Shrine** a UNESCO world heritage site famous for







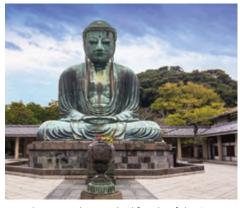
its floating torii gate. We head back to Hiroshima to visit **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park** and **Atomic Bomb Dome**, which commemorates the victims of the atomic bomb explosion in World War II.

#### DAY 06: Amagasaki 🔛 Kyoto 📄 Amagasaki (B)

We visit Kinkakuji: Golden Pavilion. This is a Zen temple and World Heritage site with two floors covered entirely in thin layers of pure gold, set within a beautiful classical Zen garden. The detailed architecture incorporates three distinct architectural styles – Shinden, Samurai, and Zen. Next, we get a taste of Kyoto by visiting Nishiki Market located in downtown Kyoto. Try local specialties while walking down a five block long shopping street lined by more than one hundred shops and restaurants. Then we head to Gion also known as Geisha district. Delve into Kyoto's rich history while admiring the beautifully preserved architecture and traditional customs. Lastly, we visit the Fushimi Inari Shrine - famous for the magical, seemingly unending path of over 5000 vibrant orange torii gates that wind through the hills making it one of the most popular shrines in Japan.

#### DAY 07: Amagasaki 🔚 Kanazawa (B)

Our first stop today is **Omicho Market** located in Kanazawa. Known as Kanazawa's Kitchen, it is a colourful and bustling fresh food market with over 200 shops and stalls. Next we visit **Nomura Clan Samurai House**, the historic residence of the Nomura Samurai clan. The house and grounds



provide an insight into the lifestyle of the Samurai class during the 16th-19th centuries, and feature beautiful architecture, gardens, and décor such as painted screen doors. We also visit **Kenrokuen Garden** – one of Japan's top three landscape gardens. Developed over 200 years ago, starting in 1620, the garden contains almost 9000 trees and 200 plant species.

DAY 08: Kanazawa 🔛 Shirakawago 🔛 Takayama 🔛 Matsumoto (B)

#### Today we travel to **Shirakawago Village**, a World Heritage site where 114 Gassho-style houses with steeply-pitched roofs in the shape of a triangle. Built many hundreds of years ago, these historic houses stand together in a beautiful natural setting. Enjoy some free time to explore the sights at **Shirakawago observation deck** (approx. 10 min by foot), where you can enjoy a spectacular panoramic views of Shirakawago. Next, we head to **Kami-Sannomachi Street** also called Takayama Old Town, a wonderfully well-preserved slice of old Japan, with houses and shops dating back to the Edo period (1600-1868). It is well known for its charming architecture, unique cafes and old saké breweries famous for some of the best tasting saké

#### DAY 09: Matsumoto 🔛 Mount Fuji 🔛 Tokyo (B)

in Japan.

This morning we will visit Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle' due to its dramatic black exterior. The keep, or "tenshu", completed around 1593, is listed as a National Treasure of Japan. Then we head to Arakurayama Sengen Park where the instagram-famous Chureito Pagoda is located. Witness the breathtaking view of Chureito Pagoda<sup>^</sup> back dropped by the iconic snow-capped Mount Fuji<sup>^</sup>. Later we visit Oshino Hakkai. Known as the springs of Mount Fuji, it's a small village with a scenic view of Mount Fuji^. The eight crystal clear ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in the finest clear spring water that is revered by locals. Here you will also find many restaurants, souvenir shops and food vendors around the ponds.

Note<sup>^</sup>: The visibility of Mount Fuji is subject to weather. In mid-March the parking lot at Chureito Pagoda will be closed off and you will need to walk up the stairs (approx. 398 steps) to see Chureito Pagoda. Alternativly you may explore **Arakura Fuji Sengen Shrine** if you do not wish to walk up the steps.

#### DAY 10: Tokyo 🔛 Kamakura 📄 Yokohama

#### Tokyo (B)

Today we visit the incredible **Daibutsu** (Great Buddha) at **Kotoku-in Temple** located in Kamakura. Constructed in 1252 and once covered in gold, the bronze Great Buddha is an impressive sight. This is followed by **Komachi- Dori Shopping Street**, a fashionable street located in the middle of the ancient city of Kamakura. Next we head to Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, a historical building erected a century ago as customs buildings for Yokohama Port. The two warehouses survived the 1923 Kanto earthquake, and remained unscathed from World War II thanks to its iron reinforcements. Building No.2 is now home to a number of shops, bars and restaurants, while building No. 1 is used for a wide range of events, exhibitions, fashion shows and concerts.

#### DAY 11: Tokyo (B)

Enjoy a free day of leisure in Tokyo.

You may join our guided *World Heritage Nikko Day Tour* (NZD\$320, incl. lunch) or visit *Tokyo Disneyland or Tokyo DisneySea* (NZD\$140, admission only excl. transfers).

#### DAY 12: Tokyo (B, D)

This morning we visit Tokyo Sky Tree, the landmark of Tokyo. Opening in May 2012, the Skytree is a television and radio broadcast site, and contains a restaurant and two viewing platforms. At 634 metres, this is the 2nd-tallest structure in the world! Next we visit Senso-ji Temple located in Asakusa. This is Tokyo's oldest temple, and is dedicated to Kannon, the Buddhist goddess of mercy. Later we take a stroll to Nakamise Shopping Street, a centuriesold promenade of shops selling traditional snacks and souvenirs like kimonos and bottles of saké. We then visit Imperial Palace Plaza, the residence for the Japanese Imperial Family. The inner grounds of the palace are not open to the public but you can enjoy the natural scenery surrounding the palace grounds, including the Lotus Moat and Nijubashi (double Bridge). The next stop is Odaiba, a large artificial island in Tokyo Bay. Built as an island fortress in the 19th century, Odaiba will be a venue location for the 2020 Olympic Games, and is already a popular leisure and sightseeing area. Tonight you will enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant with your fellow travellers

#### DAY 13: Depart Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure as time permits before boarding a limousine bus to the airport for your flight home.

#### DAY 14: Arrive home

Arrive home today. *Note: Some flights may arrive on day 13.* 



#### **2020 DEPARTURES**

🐯 23 Mar**	25 May	12 Oct
🛞 30 Mar**	08 Jun	₩26 Oct*
🛞 06 Apr**	22 Jun	🔆 09 Nov*
🛞 13 Apr**	14 Sep	💥 23 Nov*
11 May	28 Sep**	

\*Crimson Leaf season surcharge: NZD\$350
 \*School Holiday surcharge: NZD\$450
 \*\*Cherry blossom surcharge: NZD\$550
 Single supplement: NZD\$1400

#### K DEPARTURE OPTIONS

• AKL: Airfare included • Other cities: fr NZD\$450

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- + Full service Chinese/Asian carrier airfares & taxes
- + 11 nights 3-4 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 11 breakfast (B) & 2 dinners (D)
- + Coach transportation
- + Airport/Hotel shuttle bus or limousine bus transfer(s)
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

#### ⊗ EXCLUSIONS

- · Prepaid tipping: NZD\$150
- · Visa (if applicable)
- · Optional programs
- · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

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

- Economy class: Cathay Pacific, Singapore Airlines, fr \$550
- · Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2400
- $\cdot$  Business class: China Southern fr \$3300,
- Singapore Airlines fr \$4750, Cathay Pacific fr \$5850

#### CC EXTEND YOUR STAY (NZD)

- · Early arrival/stay behind fare difference: fr \$280
- · Hotel w/breakfast : fr \$390/twin-room/night

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Kansai Airport	Hotel Nikko Kansai
Amagasaki	Hotel Vischio Amagasaki by Granvia
Hiroshima	Hotel New Hiroden
Kanazawa	Vista Kanazawa
Matsumoto	Hotel Buena Vista
Tokyo	Sunshine City Prince Hotel

#### $\Psi$ optional programs (NZD)

World Heritage Nikko Guided Day Tour	\$320
Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket	\$140
Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket	\$140

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#### World Heritage Nikko Guided Day Tour NZD\$320 (incl. lunch)

Nikko is a major centre for Buddhism and the Shinto religion. It is located in a valley and surrounded by beautiful deciduous forests and majestic waterfalls. This optional tour will take you to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Nikko Toshogu Shrine. This area is well known for its distinctive architecture made up of a large number of wood carvings and gold leaf decorations on the buildings. This design is unique and not seen elsewhere in Japan. You will also visit Kegon Waterfall (around 100m high) which is the main natural attraction in Nikko. This is the best spot to view maple leaves during autumn.

Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers.



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#### Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket NZD\$140

Tokyo DisneySea is a 176-acre (71.22 ha) theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort located in Urayasu, Chiba, Japan, just outside Tokyo. It opened on September 4, 2001. Tokyo DisneySea attracted an estimated 14 million visitors in 2013, making it the fourth-most-visited theme park in the world. In 2002 Tokyo DisneySea won a Thea Award from the Themed Entertainment Association for the concept, design, and construction of the theme park. Tokyo DisneySea also won the 2012-2015 Theme Park Insider Awards "Best theme park". There are seven uniquely themed areas or "ports of call". The entrance to the park is Mediterranean Harbour, which opens up to six additional nautically-themed ports: American Waterfront, Lost River Delta, Port Discovery, Mermaid Lagoon, Arabian Coast, and Mysterious Island. Note: Admission ticket only. Transfers are not included.



# SPLENDOURS OF SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN

SEOUL - ANDONG - DAEGU - GYEONGJU - BUSAN - OSAKA - KYOTO - NARA - NAGOYA - MOUNT FUJI - TOKYO



2020 - 15 DAYS FROM NZD



Immerse yourself in an incredible journey covering two fascinating countries, Japan and South Korea. Discover South Korea's capital city, Seoul. Seoul is Korea's financial, political, commercial, and cultural centre with over 600 years of history. Explore the many archaeological sites and temples before enjoying the beautiful natural landscapes this country has to offer. Next, you will explore the beautiful country, Japan. Discover a new level of cool with a journey through cherry blossoms, mountains, bustling cities and ultimately, history. The combination of places visited in these two countries will provide you with an unforgettable life-time preview. Time to start packing!







Japan

Tokyo



#### Stroll through Changdeokgung Palace grounds

- · Gaze into North Korean territory at the **Demilitarised Zone (DMZ)**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling crowds of **Myeongdong**
- · Explore the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, Gyeongju
- Experience the serenity of **Seokguram Grotto**
- · Visit South Korea's picturesque southern port city, **Busan** In Japan:
- · Discover **Osaka**, with a day free at leisure
- · Feed the gentle sika deer at Nara Park
- · Drink from clear springs at the foothills of Mount Fuji
- · Visit Nagoya's Inuyama Castle, and explore Osu Shopping Street's 1200 shops and restaurants
- In Nara, visit the Great Eastern Temple with it's Great Buddha Hall the world's largest wooden building
- Enjoy free time in **Tokyo**

#### DAY 01: Depart for Seoul

Fly to Seoul via a connecting city. *Note: Some flights may depart the next day.* 

#### DAY 02: Arrive in Seoul

You will be greeted warmly at the airport by your tour representative and transferred to your hotel.

#### DAY 03: Seoul 🖨 Andong 📮 Daegu (B, L)

Visit the traditional village, Andong, which features traditional houses of the Joseon Dynasty period (1392-1897). In Daegu, take a stroll in **Dongseongno Shopping District**, a major fashion retail district. Enjoy magnificent views by taking **a cable car to Palgongsan Natural Park**.

#### DAY 04: Daegu Gyeongju (B, L)

Today we explore the many archaeological sites and temples, royal tombs, and monuments of Gyeongju, the capital of the ancient Silla Kingdom (57 BC – 935 AD). Visit Cheomseongdae Astronomical Observatory, Royal Tumuli Park, Gyeongju National Museum, Bulguksa Temple, and Seokguram Grotto Temple.

#### DAY 05: Gyeongju 🔡 Busan (B, L, D)

In Busan, we visit **Haedong Yonggungsa Temple** and overlooking the ocean. Next, you will have anopportunity to view the waves while looking down through the transparent floor of the 15 metre high **Oryukdo Skywalk**, which is set over a 35 meter-high coastal cliff. Travel to **Gamcheon Culture Village** situated on the foothills of a coastal mountain. Stop at one of Korea's largest markets, **Nampo Dong Gukje Market**. Then visit **Nurimaru APEC House**, a memorial hall located near Haeundae Beach.

#### DAY 06: Busan Seoul (B, L)

Visit **Changdeokgung Palace**, one of the 'Five Grand Palaces' built by the Kings of the Jeoson

Dynasty, and Insadong, a street full of traditional Korean antique and art shops and restaurants. Continue to **Cheonggyecheon Stream** and admire this urban oasis before visiting **Myeongdong**, one of Seoul's main commercial districts.

#### DAY 07: Seoul 📄 DMZ 📄 Seoul (B, L, D)

Visit **North Korea's 3rd Infiltration Tunnel**, located within the Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), a 44 km drive northwest of Seoul. View North Korean territory, including the Propaganda Village, People's School, and Gaeseong City – the old capital city of the Goryeo Kingdom – from the Dora Observation Platform. Also visit **Freedom Park**, dedicated to the 5 million people who left their families and homes in North Korea. North Hall contains displays of North Korean lifestyle, and the Exhibition Hall houses old tanks and planes from the Korean War. Later, try on a hanbok, the traditional attire of the Korean people at **Namsan Hanbok Culture Experience Centre** before experiencing the city's best night view at Namsan Tower.

#### DAY 08: Seoul Osaka (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Incheon Airport.

Note: Baggage allowance for this sector is 1 piece max weight 15 kg per person.

### DAY 09: Osaka 📄 Kyoto 📄 Nara 📄 Osaka (B)

This morning, travel to Kyoto and visit Fushimi **Inari Shrine** and **Nijo Castle** before heading to Nara. Visit **Todaiji (Great Eastern Temple)**, with its Great Buddha Hall – the world's largest wooden building. This impressive building houses the world's largest (15m) bronze statue of the Buddha Vairocana. Wander through **Nara Park**, where over 1,200 wild sika deer roam free, before travelling back to Osaka.

#### DAY 10: Osaka (B)

Spend today free at your own leisure. You can join an optional **Osaka Day Tour** (\$250). Please see optional programs for more information.

#### DAY 11: Osaka 🔛 Nagoya (B)

Seoul South

Daegu

Korea

Andong

Busan

Gyeongju

This morning, head to Nagoya and visit **Inuyama Castle**. Then, head to **Atsuta Shinto Shrine** (covering 200,000 square meters and established almost 2000 years ago) before enjoying some time for shopping it the **Osu Kannon Shopping Quarter**. Transfer to your hotel in the evening.

Nagoya

#### DAY 12: Nagoya 블 Mount Fuji 블 Tokyo (B)

Today, visit Oshino Hakkai, known as the springs of Mount Fuji, the eight ponds are fed by melting snow filtering down from the slopes of nearby Mount Fuji, through porous layers of lava, resulting in very clear spring water that is revered by locals. Next, visit Hakone Shinto Shrine. Standing at the foot of Mount Hakone along the shores of Lake Ashi, the shrine buildings are hidden in dense forest. Finally, visit **Owakudani** – 'Great Boiling Valley' is a valley formed by the explosion of Hakone volcano more than 300 years ago, and contains hot springs and steaming sulphur vents - visitors usually eat eggs cooked in the boiling, sulphurous waters. At the end of the day we head to Tokyo. Note: Due to volcanic activity, visit to Owakudani may be replaced by an alternative attraction.

#### DAY 13: Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure. You may join our **Tokyo Day Tour** (NZD\$275) **OR Tokyo Disneyland OR DisneySea** (NZD\$140). Note: All activities are not guided and transportation is self-arranged.

#### DAY 14: Depart Tokyo (B)

Spend today free at leisure as time permits before transferring to the airport for your flight home via a connecting city.

#### DAY 15: Arrive home



#### **PRE-TOUR EXTENSION** 02 **Taiwan 7 Nights**

fr NZD\$2099; single supplement NZD\$800; includes

- + Economy class flights (Tokyo to Taipei)
- + 7 nights hotel 3-star (local rating) accommodation (twin-share)
- + 7 breakfasts (B)
- + Round trip airport & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions

+ English-speaking tour guide

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$90, optional programs, peak season surcharges fr NZD\$250, school holiday surcharges fr NZD\$450

#### DAY 14: Tokyo 💥 Taipei

Fly to Taipei via a connecting city.

#### DAY 15: Taipei (B)

Today's highlight is a visit to the Presidential Building (outside) and Chiang Kai-Shek Memorial Hall. Next, we visit Tamsui, a laid back waterfront town on the northern part of Taipei city. Enjoy lunch today at Tamsui Old Street, where you can feast on many Taiwanese snacks. Visit Lin An Tai Historical House and Museum. In the evening, explore the bustling night life of Taipei. Then proceed to colourful Huahsi Night Market.

#### DAY 16: Taipei 🛄 Sun Moon Lake (B)

Travel to Sun Moon Lake, situated 762 meters above sea level in the lofty mountains of central Taiwan for a view of Xuanguang Temple & Lalu Island as you relax on the lake's tranquil waters. Then, take Sun Moon Lake Ropeway to the Formosan Aboriginal Culture Village and observe Taiwanese traditional indigenous lifestyles.

#### DAY 17: Sun Moon Lake 🔚 Fo Guang Shan 📑 Kaohsiung (B)

After breakfast, we will head to an Oolong Tea Farm before continuing south towards Kaohsiung and Fo Guang Shan Buddha Memorial Centre (BMC), Completed in 2011, BMC has enshrined a relic of the Buddha given by Tibetan Lama Kunga Dorje Rinpoche, since the beginning of contstruction in 2001. We will be spending most of our day at this place to enjoy the serene atmosphere and explore the entire area at our leisure. Then, learn how to make Pineapple Tarts at the popular Vigor Pineapple Factory. Later we will be enter Kaohsiung City and explore Pier 2 Art Central, where 25 former warehouses have been converted into a thriving arts precinct.

#### DAY 18: Kaohsiung 🔚 Kenting 🔚 Taitung (B)

Visit to Kenting National Park, Taiwan's first nationally recognised park and undoubtedly one of the most spectacular landscapes you will see. Be awestruck by the vastness of the natural reserve and stand on the southernmost tip of the island at Maopitou and Longpan Park, also known as





'The Light of East Asia'. This afternoon, head to Kenting Main Street in the heart of Kenting, an area bustling with locals, tourists and vendors. Spend lunchtime discovering the numerous stalls and restaurants offering a variety of local snacks and cuisines. Travel up the scenic Southern Link Highway to Taitung County.

#### DAY 19: Taitung Taroko Hualien (B)

The highlight today is a visit to the **East Coast** National Scenic Area, kno unspoiled land'. Weatherin produced a wide range of b here which can only be appr at Siao-ye-liou, San-sien-Island), Shi-ti-ping (Stone S spectacular views. Proceed Park. Encompassing Taroko Gorge, Swallow Grotto, and Shakadong Trail, the park covers over 120,000 hectares and rises from sea level in the east to heights of over 3700m further west. The aquamarine Liwu River cuts through the centre, forging deep slit valleys before joining the sea.

#### DAY 20: Hualien Taipei (B)

Visit a Marble Factory on the way back to Taipei. Then visit a local scenic town, Shifen. Shifen provides a nice glimpse of Taiwan's beautiful natural scenery.

#### DAY 21: Depert Taipei (B)

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight home via a connecting city.

#### DAY 22: Arrive home

#### **Optional Packages:**

#### NZD\$109/package, or NZD\$290 for 3 packages

Package A: Qijin Old Street (Day 17) + Round trip Qijin Seaside Park ferry (Day 17) + Hualien Dongdamen night market (Day 19) + Taipei 101 observation deck (Day 20)

Package B: Taiwanese-style roasted chicken dinner (Day 16) + Taitung Japanese dinner (Day 18) + Traditional Hualien cuisine (Day19)

Package C: A traditional Taiwanese dinner, Xiao Long Bao (Day 15) + Taiwanese buffet Shabu Shabu hotpot (Day 17) + Shifen sky lantern (Day 20, 2 people per lantern); Takao hotpot (Day 20)

#### **3** 2020 DEPARTURES

14 Mar**	02 May	<del>27 Jun</del> ***	31 Oct*
21 Mar**	16 May	19 Sep***	07 Nov*
28 Mar***	30 May	03 Oct**	
04 Apr***	13 Jun	17 Oct	

\*Shoulder Season Surcharge: NZD\$350

- \*\*Peak Season Surcharge: NZD\$550
- \*\*\*School Holiday Surcharge: NZD\$750 Single supplement: NZD\$1500

#### **DEPARTURE OPTIONS**

#### · AKL: Airfare included

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- + Full service Chinese carrier airfares & taxes
- + Flight between Seoul and Osaka (operated by a local carrier)
- + 12 nights 3-star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 12 breakfasts (B), 5 lunches (L), 2 dinners (D)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions (unless otherwise indicated)
- + English-speaking tour guide(s)

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- · Prepaid tipping: NZD\$160
- · Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

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

- · Economy class: Cathay Pacific, Qantas fr \$550
- · Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2400
- hina Southern fr \$3300,
- s fr \$4750, Cathay Pacific fr \$5850

#### OUR STAY (NZD)

- behind fare difference: fr \$280
- t : fr \$390/twin-room/night

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Seoul	Park Hotel Yeongdeungpo Seou
Daegu	Hotel Inter Burgo Exco Daegu
Gyeongju	Commodore Hotel Gyeongju
Busan	Centum Premier Hotel
Osaka Airport	Kanku Joytel Hotel
Osaka	IP City Hotel Osaka
Nagoya	Loisir hotel Toyohashi
Tokyo	MOXY Tokyo Kinshicho

#### **OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)**

Osaka Day Tour	\$275
Tokyo Day Tour	\$275
Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket	\$140
Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket	\$140
Universal Studios Osaka	\$145

All prices are per person twin-share in NZD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Hotel locations can be within or outside itinerary cities and may not be centrally located. Double-bedded rooms are not guaranteed. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Late March to early April is historically the best time to view cherry blossoms and early November to see crimson leaves, but is not guaranteed as they are highly seasonal and subject to climatic conditions. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final itineraries and flight info may not be available until within 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver01AUG2019

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#### **PRE/POST TOUR EXTENSION** Hong Kong Stopover 3 Nights

from NZD\$1499, single supplement NZD\$450; includes

- + Intl. economy airfares with Cathay Pacific (Seoul to Osaka on local carrier)
- + 3 nights 4/5 hotel accommodation
- + 3 breakfasts (B)
- + Round trip airport & transfers
- + Half day Hong Kong Island sightseeing tour

#### DAY 01: Arrive Hong Kong (B)

Fly to Hong Kong, the gourmet and shopping paradise of Asia, and transfer to your hotel.

#### DAY 02: Hong Kong (B)

Enjoy a half day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

#### DAY 03: Free day at leisure (B)

Today is free and easy at your leisure. Track down some famous Hong Kong red roast pork or dumpling noodle soup, photograph the densely built-up cityscape, or just lose yourself in the hustle and bustle of this unique island metropolis. If you are out of ideas, you may choose to join one of our optional activities (NZD):

Ocean Park (\$145): with transfers

Hong Kong Disneyland (\$165): with one way transfer (hotel to Disneyland)

Tsing Ma Lantau Monastery Tour with Vegetarian Lunch (\$185): fully guided

Macau Day Tour with Lunch (\$185): fully guided

#### DAY 04: Depart Hong Kong (B)

After breakfast, transfer to Hong Kong airport.

#### Tokyo DisneySea Day Ticket NZD\$140

Tokyo DisneySea is a 176-acre (71.22 ha) theme park at the Tokyo Disney Resort. In 2002 Tokyo DisneySea won a Thea Award from the Themed Entertainment Association for the concept, design, and construction of the theme park. Tokyo DisneySea also won the 2012-2015 Theme Park Insider Awards "Best theme park". There are seven uniquely themed areas or "ports of call". The entrance to the park is Mediterranean Harbour, which opens up to six additional nautically-themed ports: American Waterfront, Lost River Delta, Port Discovery, Mermaid Lagoon, Arabian Coast, and Mysterious Island.

#### **Universal Studios Japan NZD\$145**

Universal Studios Japan in Osaka is a fun-filled destination for anyone to enjoy. Each area is uniquely themed and offers extraordinary experiences that impress and inspire the guests' emotions. Enjoy a wide variety of entertainment offerings from the exciting ride attractions themed after blockbuster Hollywood movies to the shows performed by popular characters. The theme park has a total of 8 sections: Hollywood, New York, San Francisco, Jurassic Park, Amity Village, Universal Wonderland, Waterworld, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter.

Note: Entry date needs to be nominated at time of booking.

#### Note: Transportation is not included for optional programs & are subject to availability.

Hotels may not be centrally located.



#### Tokyo Day Tour NZD\$275

First stop on this tour is Asakusa Kannon Temple. Afterwards visit Meiji Shrine, dedicated to the deified sprits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. Proceed to the fashion district Harajuku and Shibuya, an affluent and trendy shopping hotspot. Then proceed to Tokyo Tower, where you will observe the amazing city of Tokyo from up above. Then, relax on a Tokyo bay cruise en route to the beautiful and serene landscaped Hamarikyu Garden beside Tokyo Bay. Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Under 15 pax the tour will be by public transport, over 15 pax will be by coach.

#### Osaka Day Tour NZD\$275

Visit Osaka Castle which was built in 1583 as the intended capital of Japan, before the capital was moved to Edo (now known as Tokyo). Walk through the majestic castle while learning from the exhibit detailing life in old Osaka. From there, walk to the nearby river boat dock to board the Osaka River Cruise for a cruise around Nakanoshima. Explore Shinsaibashi and Dotonbori, the vast restaurant districts, with eateries offering a variety of Japan's most famous street foods. Then travel down to Umeda Skybuilding, where you will get a sweeping view of Osaka. Tour finishes in Osaka. Note: This tour is subject to minimum numbers. Under 15 pax the tour will be by public transport, over 15 pax will be by coach.

#### Tokyo Disneyland Day Ticket NZD\$140

Tokyo Disneyland is a 115-acre (47 ha) theme park, near Tokyo. Its main gate is directly adjacent to both Maihama Station and Tokyo Disneyland Station. The park has seven themed areas: the World Bazaar; the four classic Disneylands: Adventureland, Westernland, Fantasyland and Tomorrowland; and two mini-lands: Critter Country and Mickey's Toontown. Many of the games and rides in these areas mirror those in the original Disneyland as they are based on American Disney films and fantasies.

# THE BEST OF JAPAN

Tour Type: Private tour



- Tour Highlights:
  Explore Tokyo
  Enjoy beautiful scenery at Mt. Fuji
  Play with wild deer at Nara
  Relax at Kyoto



#### DAY 01 Arrival Tokyo

Welcome to Tokyo. The driver will hold name card waiting for you at arrival hall exit. Then seat-in-coach transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at own arrangement.

#### DAY 02 Tokyo (B)

You will have Tokyo full day private tour by public transportation. Your tour guide will meet you at hotel lobby and guide you to visit Meiji Shrine. Continue to visit Harajuku, which is the center of Japan's most extreme teenage cultures and fashion styles. Afterwards, visit Imperial Palace, which is the residence of Japan's Imperial Family. Asakusa is your next destination. Not far from Asakusa, you will find 634 meters high Tokyo Skytree, which is the landmark of Tokyo.

#### DAY 03 Tokyo (B)

Today is free at leisure. You could explore the city on your own space.

#### DAY 04 Tokyo Hakone (B, D)

In the morning, your luggage will be transferred to Kyoto hotel (one piece per person). Make your own way to Odawara station by JR pass. Upon arrival, you will be picked up by private vehicle and transferred to visit Mt Fuji 5th station (depends on weather). Then you could experience Hakone Cruise on Lake Ashi and Hakone Ropeway. Tour ends after visiting Hakone Shrine. In the evening, have dinner in ryokan.

#### DAY 05 Hakone Kyoto (B)

Make your own way to Kyoto by bullet train. Upon arrival Kyoto, meet your tour guide and have Nara private tour by JR pass. Todaiji, situated a short walk from the center of Nara, in Nara Park, is Nara's most popular tourist attraction and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a must-see temple of Nara. Then visit Nara deer park, where you will get close to wild deer. Afterward, visit Kasuga Taisha. Transfer back to Kyoto and stay overnight.

#### DAY 06 Kyoto (B)

Meet your tour guide at hotel lobby and have Kyoto full

day tour by public transportation (JR pass). You will visit Kiyomizudera, which is best known for its wooden stage that juts out from its main hall, 13 meters above the hillside below. From the stage, you will have nice view of Kyoto. Continue to visit Kinkakuji, whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. You could explore Nishiki market and obtain Kyoto's famous foods and good. In the afternoon, visit Nijo castle and Gion area. Overnight in Kyoto.

#### DAY 07 Kyoto Osaka (B)

In the morning, your luggage will be transferred to Osaka hotel (one piece per person). Make your own way to Osaka station and meet your tour guide and have Osaka full day tour by public transportation (JR Pass). You will explore Osaka Castle, which is famous landmark. Then continue to Umeda Sky Building. Be ready to get lost in Dotombori with numerous shops and restaurants. The tours ends after visiting Sumiyoshi Taisha, which was founded in the 3rd century before the introduction of Buddhism. After tour finishes, check in Osaka hotel.

#### DAY 08 Osaka Hiroshima Osaka (B)

Meet your tour guide and take a Hiroshima & Miyajima private tour by JR Pass. You will visit Hiroshima Peace Park. Hiroshima is the first city to suffer a nuclear attack, to remember the bomb victims, Hiroshima Peace Park was built to remind people the harm of war. Proceed to Miyajima Island, a small island not far from Hiroshima. Itsukushima shrine is famous for its torii gate. When at high tide, it seems to float on the water. The sight is ranked as one of Japan's three best views. After the tour, transfer back to Osaka and stay overnight.

#### DAY 09 Osaka Tokyo (B)

In the morning, your luggage will be transferred to Tokyo hotel (one piece per person). Go to Shin-Osaka station and board the shinkansen to Tokyo on own (JR pass). Upon arrival, make your own way to Tokyo hotel.

#### DAY 10 Tokyo (B)

After breakfast, free at leisure before seat-in-coach transfer to Tokyo Airport for your flight exit.



Price per person is from

### \$6,799

\*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling, twin share. \*Shoulder season, high season, public holiday surcharges apply. \*Black out: Olympic period July 2019-Sep 2019

#### Hotel Accommodation (or similar)

Tokyo	Hotel Metropolitan or similar
Hakone	Okuyumoto ryokan or similar
Kyoto	Kyoto Tower Hotel or similar
Osaka	Osaka Daiichi Hotel or similar

#### Inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfasts
- Seat-in-coach airport transfers
- Private tours with English speaking guide as specified
- Entrance tickets as specified
- 7 days JR Pass, standard class
- Luggage delivery as specified
- Dinner on day 04

# JAPAN EXPRESS TOUR

Tour Type: Private tour

## 7 DAYS

- Tour Highlights: Tokyo prosperous view Hakone cruise on Lake Ashi





#### DAY 01 Arrival Tokyo

Welcome to Tokyo. The driver will hold name card waiting for you at arrival hall exit. Then seat-in-coach transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at own arrangement.

#### DAY 02 Tokyo (B)

You will have Tokyo full day private tour by public transportation. Your tour guide will meet you at hotel lobby and guide you to visit Meiji Shrine. Continue to visit Harajuku, which is the center of Japan's most extreme teenage cultures and fashion styles. Afterwards, visit Imperial Palace, which is the residence of Japan's Imperial Family. Asakusa is your next destination. Not far from Asakusa, you will find 634 meters high Tokyo Skytree, which is the landmark of Tokyo.

#### DAY 03 Tokyo (B)

Today is free at leisure. You could explore the city on your own space.

#### DAY 04 Tokyo Hakone (B, D)

Leave your luggage in Tokyo hotel. Make your own way to Odawara station by JR pass. Upon arrival, you will be picked up by private vehicle and transferred to visit Mt Fuji 5th station (depends on weather). Then you could experience Hakone Cruise on Lake Ashi and Hakone Ropeway. Tour ends after visiting Hakone Shrine. In the evening, have dinner in ryokan. Overnight in Hakone.

#### DAY 05 Hakone Tokyo (B)

Free at leisure before making your own way back to

Tokyo by bullet train (JR pass). Upon arrival, own transit to hotel. Overnight in Tokyo.

#### DAY 06 Tokyo (B)

Meet your tour guide at hotel lobby and explore Nikko by private vehicle. You will visit Toshogu Shrine, one of the stunning features of this shrine are the decorative wood carvings, once lavishly embellished with gold leaf, that adorn the gates and exterior walls of countless buildings. Then relax yourself by viewing beautiful scenery of Chuzenji Lake. Proceed to kegon fall, which offers magnificent views. Transfer back to Tokyo after the tour.

#### DAY 07 Tokyo (B)

After breakfast, free at leisure before seat-in-coach transfer to Tokyo airport for your flight exit.





Price per person is from

### \$5,599

\*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling, twin share. \*Shoulder season, high season, public holiday surcharges apply. \*Black out: Olympic period July 2019-Sep 2019

Hotel Accomm	odat	ion (o	r simil	ar)	

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#### Inclusions

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- 6 nights accommodation with breakfasts
- · Seat-in-coach airport transfers
- Private tours with English speaking guide as specified
- Entrance tickets as specified
- 7 days JR Pass, standard class
- Dinner on day 04

## TOKYO SNAPSHOT



#### Tour Highlights:

- Meiji Shrine
- Hamarikyu Garden
- Panoramic view of Tokyo

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Hotel Metropolitan 4 star or similar	\$849

\*Shoulder season, high season, public holiday surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling. \*Black out: Olympic period July 2019-Sep 2019

#### Inclusions

- 2-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch)
- Seat-in-coach tours on DAY 02
- Airport English speaking assistant
- Return limousine bus airport transfers



#### DAY 01: Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival, you will meet your English assistance with name board at arrival hall. Then we will assist you to board an airport limousine bus and then transferred to hotel. Transfer service: 8:00-20:00.

#### DAY 02: Tokyo (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel, start for Seat-in-coach full day Tokyo City Tour. Make your own way to meeting tour and then start to visit Tokyo tower. Proceed to Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace East Garden, Hama Rikyu Garden. Then experience the cruise on Sumida River and enjoy the magnificent view. The last stop is Asakusa where is traditional downtown area of Tokyo and home of many internationally known sightseeing places. After tour ends, make your own way back to your hotel.

#### DAY 03: Tokyo (B)

After breakfast, spend some time before transferring to Narita International Airport by airport limousine bus. Book bus time on your own.

## TOKYO DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

- Meiji Shrine
- Sumida River Cruis
- Mt. Fuji panoramic viev
- Boat cruise on Lake Ashi

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Hotel Metropolitan 4 star or similar	\$1,499

\*Shoulder season, high season, public holiday surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling. \*Black out: Olympic period July 2019-Sep 2019

#### Inclusions

- 3-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch)
- Seat-in-coach tours on DAY 02 and DAY 03
- Airport English speaking assistant
- Return limousine bus airport transfers



#### DAY 01: Arrive Tokyo

Upon arrival, you will meet your English assistance with name board at arrival hall. Then we will assist you to board an airport limousine bus and then transferred to hotel. Transfer service: 8:00-20:00.

#### DAY 02: Tokyo (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel, start for Seat-in-coach full day Tokyo City Tour. Make your own way to meeting point and then start to visit Tokyo tower. Proceed to Meiji Shrine, Imperial Palace East Garden, Hama Rikyu Garden. Then experience the cruise on Sumida River and enjoy the magnificent view. The last stop is Asakusa where is traditional downtown area of Tokyo and home to many internationally known sightseeing places. After tour ends, make your own way back to your hotel.

#### DAY 03: Tokyo (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel, start for Seat-in-coach full day Mt Fuji & Hakone Tour. Make your own way to meeting point and transfer to Hakone by coach. First you will visit Mt. Fuji 5th Station, where you could have incredible views over Fuji Five Lakes and Hakone National Park. Have Japanese style lunch at a local restaurant. Then experience the Hakone Sky Gondola. Stay 20 minutes at Owakudani Valley before a boat cruise on Lake Ashi. Return to Tokyo and make your own way back to your hotel.

#### Day 04: Tokyo (B)

After breakfast, spend some time before transferring to Narita International Airport by airport limousine bus. Book bus time on your own.

## OSAKA & KYOTO DELIGHTS



#### Tour Highlights:

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- Coldon Tomplo

#### Price per person is from

Hotel	Twin share
Osaka Daiichi Hotel 4 star or similar	\$1,329

\*Shoulder season, high season, public holiday surcharges apply. \*Price is based on minimum 2 people travelling. \*Black out: Olympic period July 2019-Sep 2019

#### Inclusions

- 3-night hotel accommodation
- Meals as indicated (B=breakfast, L=lunch)
- Seat-in-coach tours on day 2
- Airport English speaking assistant
- Return seat-in-coach airport transfers
- One day Osaka Subway Pass



#### DAY 01: Arrive Osaka

Upon arrival, seat-in-coach transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is free at leisure.

#### DAY 02: Osaka / Kyoto / Osaka (B, L)

Breakfast at hotel, start for seat-in-coach full day Kyoto City Tour. Make your own way to meeting point and transfer to Kyoto. Start the tour to visit Kiyomizu temple which is world heritage with long history. Then enjoy the spectacular views with the line-up of Buddhist Statues at Sanjusangendo Temple. The most popular sights is the Fushimi Inari Taisya Shrine. The Inari shrines host the guardian gods for wellbeing, success, etc. It is the head shrine of Inari shrines in Japan. Have Japanese style lunch at restaurant after Arashiyama. In the afternoon, proceed to visit Golden Temple whose top two stories covered with pure golden leaf. Return to Osaka and make your own way to hotel.

#### DAY 03: Osaka (B)

Free at leisure. Osaka 1-Day Subway Pass is included.

#### DAY 04: Depart Osaka (B)

After breakfast, free on your own before seat-in-coach transfer to Kansai Airport.



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## Group Tours - Educational, Cultural and Volunteerism

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We can provide

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- Detailed itineraries with cost per person.
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Please study the booking terms & conditions and important information carefully before completing this form. Please fill out the details in block letters and return to us with passport copies (photo page only) for each passenger. A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000pp (\$1,000pp for private tours) is required. Full payment is due 90 days (60 days for private tours) prior to departure unless otherwise specified. No reservation can be confirmed until the completed booking form and deposit is received.

Tour Name: ......Departure Date: ......

Departure City: Auckland [ ]; Wellington [ ]; Christchurch [ ]; Other City (Please specify): ..... Land Only: Yes [] No []; Flight Upgrade: Yes [] (Please specify) No []; Pre or Post Tour Accommodation: Yes [] No [] Extension: Yes[] (please specify)No[]; Optional Programs: Yes[] (please specify) No[]; PASSENGERS INFORMATION:

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#### \*Names that appear on this booking form are used for ticketing purposes and must appear exactly as per passport. Do any of the above named suffer from any physical disabilities? Yes [

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If yes, please attach doctor's certificate stating fitness to travel.				
Travel insurance is highly recommended, would you like to take our insurance?	Yes [	]	No [	]

I am authorised to sign this booking form on behalf of the all named above. I/We the undersigned person(s) have and understand the conditions of the information in this brochure illustrating the above tour and agree to accept the conditions contained therein.

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13. If any further service are arranged or provided by the agent they shall be deemed to be provided on the same terms and conditions as the within conditions.

14. The contract between the agent and the person making the booking shall for the purposes of any dispute relating thereto be deemed to have been made in New Zealand and shall be governed by the law of New Zealand. Any legal action arising under the contract shall be litigated only on the appropriate court having jurisdiction in New Zealand.

15. The client accepts the CTS Tours is not liable for any accidents, sickness, injury, death, damage, loss or delay due to any conduct of these third parties or any unforeseen circumstances outside the control of CTS Tours.

16. Nothing herein contained shall detract from any rights or privileges granted to consumers by the New Zealand legislation where such rights are not capable by the provisions of such legislation of being amended, varied or modified.

17. In these terms and conditions tour member includes the person signing the reservation request form and each and every person on whose behalf such person signs or books a tour and every person who thereby participates in a tour. In the case of a tour being arranged on behalf of an infant by any person, that person shall be deemed to the contracting party and he or she shall hold the agent fully indemnified against any claims made by the infant. Words indicating persons shall include companies.

18. Normally no frequent flyer miles are accrued on our package tour based on group fares and this is at the discretion of each airlines.

19. Standard commission doesn't apply to CTS escorted tours.

#### RESERVATIONS; DEPOSIT & BALANCE

All bookings will need to be accompanied by a fully signed and completed booking form. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person (\$2,000 per person for group tours) are required within 2 days of confirmation, otherwise booking will be subject to automatic cancellation. Booking Forms need to be forwarded to CTS Tours along with the passport copies of the passengers. Final balance of payments are required 60 days prior to departure (90 days for group tours). If for any reasons a tour is forced to be cancelled, the client will be offered an alternative tour. Should the offer be unsuitable to the client, all money collected will be fully refunded.

CTS Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated or any omissions made at any time during your booking.

#### CANCELLATION OR REFUND

Should a client cancel a booking for any reason the following cancellation fees will apply:

1. If the booking cancelled up to 90 days or more prior to departure; loss of deposit plus administration fees plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.

2. If booking cancelled between 61-89 days prior to departure; loss of deposit and 50% (25% for private tours) of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.

3. If booking cancelled between 46-60 days prior to departure; loss of deposit and 75% (50% for private tours) of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.

4. If booking cancelled between 31-45 days prior to departure; loss of deposit and 75% (75% for private tours) of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.

5. If booking cancelled 30 days or less prior to departure; loss of deposit and 100% (100% for private tours) of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.

#### AMENDMENT FEE

If a client wishes to alter a confirmed booking in any way a service fee of NZ\$100 plus whatever other airlines/hotel/cruise line penalties apply.

#### INSURANCE

All tours handled by the Agent are not covered by insurance and the handling of baggage throughout the tour is at the participant's own risk. It is highly advisable that the participants should buy insurance if they deem it necessary.

#### VACCINATION AND INOCULATION

For passengers travelling into an infected area is a must or you are strongly recommended to consult your family doctors or simply to visit New Zealand Government authentic travel advice website: www.safetravel.govt.nz

#### TOUR PROGRAM

1. The outbound tours the Agent handles provide English, Mandarin or other Dialect speaking guides accordingly. However, guides speaking other languages can also be provided when the request is made by the whole group and confirmed by the local operators concerned before hand.

2. Itineraries are subject to some minor changes without prior notice by the relevant local branches of CTS Tours or another appointed local agent who undertake the tour, and the final scheduling of sightseeing and visiting arrangements are detailed for tour participants upon arrival in each city.

#### DISCLAIMER

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. We reserve the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. The itinerary and sites to be visited are subject to change due to local and seasonal conditions, time and other unforeseen constraints beyond our control. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land. Participants may be given the opportunity to shop as a group for local specialty products of cultural and economic significance to the country's heritage as part of the tour learning experience. There is no obligation to purchase any goods. We are not affiliated with these stores and encourage you to always request receipts and store contact details while shopping at your own discretion.

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