



A CHINA EXPERIENCE

Day: 1

Location: SHANGHAI - CHINA

Description: Welcome to Shanghai, China's largest city and center of trade. Join your Tour Director and traveling companions for dinner this evening.

Day: 2

Location: SHANGHAI - WUZHEN EXCURSION

Description: Visit the ancient water town of WUZHEN and take a leisurely stroll to soak up the atmosphere of this centuries-old Chinese town. Home to an intricate system of canals, stone bridges, wooden waterside homes, and narrow cobblestone streets, Wuzhen is renowned for its Old World charm and picturesque setting, as well as an abundance of local handicrafts. Return to Shanghai and enjoy a dinner of traditional Shanghai cuisine.

Day: 3

Location: SHANGHAI

Description: Sightseeing today includes a stroll through the Old Town and the beautiful YU YUAN GARDENS, a place of peace and tranquility in this bustling city. Visit the SHANGHAI MUSEUM, where superb antiquities and fine arts dating back 6,000 years are on display. Walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture, and explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920s-style Shikumen buildings. You will also visit a SILK MUSEUM. In the evening, enjoy a CRUISE on the panoramic Huangpu River, where the historic Bund and the futuristic Pudong come face to face.

Day: 4

Location: SHANGHAI - XI 'AN

Description: Today, fly to Xi'an, the former ancient capital. This evening, sample a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal, followed by a performance of TANG DYNASTY DANCING.

Day: 5

Location: XI 'AN

Description: One of the largest and wealthiest cities in the world when China dominated the silk trade, Xi'an today is an archaeological treasure trove. Sightseeing begins with the enormous tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huangdi, accidentally discovered by local farmers in 1974. Marvel at the legion of TERRACOTTA WARRIORS that has been guarding the burial site for 2,000 years. We also walk along the ANCIENT CITY WALL of Xi'an and visit a CERAMIC and LACQUERWARE factory.

Day: 6

Location: XI 'AN - BEIJING

Description: Today, visit the renowned SHAANXI HISTORY MUSEUM, home to thousands of cultural relics in bronze, terracotta, gold, and silver. Later, take a WALKING TOUR through the lively Muslim Quarter to explore the Islamic food markets before flying to Beijing, capital of China.

Day: 7

Location: BEIJING

Description: Sightseeing today includes a stroll through TIAN'ANMEN SQUARE past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum and to the treasure-filled FORBIDDEN CITY, the largest and best-preserved collection of ancient buildings in China. During the Ming and Qing Dynasties, it was home to emperors as well as the center of politics. Also visit the unique TEMPLE OF HEAVEN and enjoy an amazing CHINESE ACROBAT SHOW in the evening.

Day: 8

Location: BEIJING

Description: The GREAT WALL OF CHINA once stretched 4,000 miles across China's barren northern terrain from the Bohai Sea to the Gobi Desert. Head north to a village where the Great Wall is well preserved and walk along the wall to enjoy sweeping vistas of this mammoth fortress. Stop at a JADE MUSEUM before returning to Beijing to tour the exquisite SUMMER PALACE, which was constructed as a place of rest and relaxation for ancient royal families, and today serves the same purpose for locals and tourists alike. Your evening meal features the local delicacy: PEKING DUCK.

Day: 9

Location: BEIJING

Description: Your tour ends with breakfast this morning.