

Magnificent China

Visit the most famous sights and some special treats

Grand Buddha, Leshan

“What surprises we were in for! We walked on the Great Wall and loved the Pandas. We glided through the Li River and cruised the Yangtze. We visited the Palaces, Gardens, Caves and Mountains as Frank guided us through the magic of his beloved country.”

Margaret Boyd, August 2010

Departure Dates & Prices

2012 Departures		Price
11 Mar - 31 Mar	25 Mar - 14 Apr	\$4,790
18 Mar - 07 Apr	15 Apr - 05 May	\$4,990
08 Apr - 28 Apr	29 Apr - 19 May	\$5,490
22 Apr - 12 May	06 May - 26 May	
04 May - 24 May*	13 May - 02 Jun	
11 May - 31 May*	20 May - 09 Jun	
18 May - 07 Jun*	27 May - 16 Jun	
25 May - 14 Jun*	10 Jun - 30 Jun	\$5,990
03 Jun - 23 Jun	08 Jul - 28 Jul	
24 Jun - 14 Jul	12 Aug - 01 Sep	
05 Aug - 25 Aug	31 Aug - 20 Sep*	\$5,690
19 Aug - 08 Sep	07 Sep - 27 Sep*	
02 Sep - 22 Sep	14 Sep - 04 Oct*	
09 Sep - 29 Sep	21 Sep - 11 Oct*	
16 Sep - 06 Oct	28 Sep - 18 Oct*	
23 Sep - 13 Oct		
30 Sep - 20 Oct		
07 Oct - 27 Oct	14 Oct - 03 Nov	\$5,490
21 Oct - 10 Nov		
28 Oct - 17 Nov		\$5,290
04 Nov - 24 Nov		\$4,990

Tour departs Sunday and returns Saturday
*Tour departs Friday and returns Thursday

Prices are fully inclusive from the US (see page 14)
Based on Los Angeles departures
Many other US departure points available

- Flight upgrades available on request
- Land only from \$3,690 (Beijing – Shanghai)
- Single room supplement from \$1,090 (see page 10)
- Tipping payable locally US\$78 (see page 10)
- Comfortable Paced Tour

Fully Inclusive price includes:

- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- Accommodations
- All meals
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for US residents

Hong Kong Extension (see page 63)

Day 21: Shanghai – Hong Kong
Fly from Shanghai to Hong Kong and transfer to your hotel.

Day 22: Hong Kong
Enjoy a half day island tour visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village. The afternoon is at leisure. (B)

Day 23: Hong Kong
Enjoy the day at leisure to further explore Hong Kong. (B)

Day 24: Hong Kong – US
Fly to the US, arriving home the same day or the following morning. (B)

From \$390pp
Land only. The flight from China to Hong Kong may be included in the cost of the international ticket depending on airline.



Giant Panda, Chengdu

21 days from \$4,790pp
Fully Inclusive from the US

Take an in-depth look at the best of China on one of our most popular tours. All the famous sights are covered along with some special treats. Gaze in awe at the Grand Buddha in Leshan, visit the traditional gardens of Suzhou and admire the magnificent Giant Pandas in Chengdu.

National Escort Andy Zhao's tour highlights



“My favorite place is my hometown Xian, home to the Terracotta Warriors, which were crafted from living faces of first Qin Emperor's soldiers.”



Days 1-2: US – Beijing
Fly overnight to Beijing, China's capital city.

Day 3: Beijing
Sightseeing today includes a stroll through Tiananmen Square, past Chairman Mao's Mausoleum to the treasure-filled Forbidden City. We also take a rickshaw ride through the traditional Hutong areas. Our evening meal includes the local delicacy, Peking Duck.

Days 4-5: Beijing
Walk on the Great Wall and visit the unique Temple of Heaven. The next day, indulge in some shopping at the bustling markets, tour the exquisite Summer Palace and enjoy a fascinating Chinese Acrobatic show in the evening.

Day 6: Beijing – Xian
Fly to Xian, the former ancient capital and visit the Shaanxi Museum which is home to thousands of priceless relics. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui Jiao dumpling meal followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

Day 7: Xian
Visit one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the 20th century – the Terracotta Warriors and walk along the Ancient City Wall. We also stroll through the lively Muslim Quarter to explore the Islamic food markets.

Day 8: Xian – Yangtze River Cruise
Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. Fly to Wuhan and transfer to Yichang to board the Yangtze River Cruise vessel.

Days 9-11: Yangtze River Cruise
Tour the Three Gorges Dam before cruising upstream through some of the most dramatic scenery in the world. Over the next three days, we will take a side-trip to the striking Shennong Stream in a pea-pod boat or visit the Lesser Three Gorges and enjoy various shore excursions along the way.

Day 12: Chongqing – Chengdu
Disembark from the cruise vessel and transfer to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province.

Day 13: Chengdu – Leshan – Chengdu
Travel to Leshan to visit the Grand Buddha, the world's largest stone-carved Buddhist statue. We take a short boat trip to view the statue from the river. The carving of the Buddha into the side of Lingyun Mountain began in 713AD and was completed in 803AD. Return to Chengdu, visiting the old town of Huanglongxi en-route. Enjoy a delicious Sichuan meal in the evening.

Day 14: Chengdu – Guilin
Visit the famous Panda Reserve to see these adorable animals being reared in wooded surroundings reminiscent of their natural habitat before flying to the beautiful city of Guilin.

Days 15-16: Guilin – Yangshuo – Guilin
Cruise the stunning Li River to Yangshuo and enjoy the breathtaking landscape of beautiful limestone hills, tranquil fishing scenes and picturesque villages. The next day, return to Guilin and visit the colorful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Caves and Mt Diecai. We also see an evening display of traditional cormorant fishing.

Day 17: Guilin – Suzhou
Fly to cosmopolitan Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East' and transfer to the charming city of Suzhou, also known as the 'Venice of the East'.

Day 18: Suzhou – Shanghai
Visit two of the finest oriental gardens: the Humble Administrator's Garden and the Master of the Nets Garden, a local silk mill still in operation today and enjoy a cruise on the ancient Grand Canal. Return to Shanghai, and in the evening enjoy traditional Shanghai cuisine.

Days 19-20: Shanghai
Sightseeing today includes a stroll through the beautiful Yu Gardens and the Old Town as well as a visit to the Shanghai Museum. We also walk along the famous Bund with its colonial architecture. The next day, visit the modern Pudong area and explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings. In the evening, enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River.

Day 21: Shanghai – US
Fly to the US, arriving home the same day or the following morning depending on flight schedules.