

# China Delights



A magical tour of memorable images and amazing experiences

Temple of Heaven, Beijing

20 days from \$3,790pp  
Fully Inclusive from the US

China Delights is a great value tour that focuses on amazing scenery and historic sites from Guilin to the Great Wall. Discover hidden gems that are less often visited such as the traditional gardens of Suzhou, the beautiful West Lake in Hangzhou, the remarkable Grand Buddha in Leshan and the pandas in Chengdu.



#### Days 1-2: US – Shanghai

Fly overnight to the cosmopolitan city of Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. In the evening enjoy traditional Shanghai cuisine.

#### Day 3: 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 and explore the restored Xintiandi area with its unique 1920's style shikumen buildings.

#### Day 4: Shanghai – Suzhou

Travel to the charming city of Suzhou, also known as the 'Venice of the East'. 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.

#### Days 5-6: Suzhou – Hangzhou

Travel to beautiful Hangzhou, one of China's former imperial capitals. Explore the local markets and experience an oriental tea-tasting. The next day, visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, Six Harmonies Pagoda and enjoy a relaxing cruise on West Lake.

#### Day 7: Hangzhou – Wuzhen – Shanghai

Travel to the ancient canal town of Wuzhen and enjoy a leisurely stroll to absorb the atmosphere of this centuries-old Chinese town. Home to an intricate system of canals, old wooden waterside houses, arch stone bridges, narrow cobblestone streets and an abundance of local handicrafts, Wuzhen is renowned for its old-world charm and picturesque setting. Return to Shanghai and enjoy a cruise on the panoramic Huangpu River.

#### Day 8: Shanghai – Guilin

Visit the modern Pudong area with its 21st century buildings and then fly to the beautiful city of Guilin.

#### Days 9-10: 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 Mt Diecai. We also see an evening display of traditional cormorant fishing.

#### Day 11: Guilin – Chengdu

Visit the colorful stalagmites and stalactites of Reed Flute Caves before flying to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. The area is renowned for its lush landscapes and cuisine. Enjoy a delicious Sichuan meal in the evening.

#### Day 12: 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. Return to Chengdu, visiting the old town of Huanglongxi en-route. Enjoy a delicious Sichuan meal in the evening.

#### Day 13: Chengdu – Xian

Visit the famous Panda Reserve to see these adorable animals being reared in wooded surroundings reminiscent of their natural habitat and enjoy a city tour of Chengdu before boarding the overnight train to Xian, the former ancient capital.

#### Days 14-15: Xian

Arrive in Xian and visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Shui

"We particularly wanted to write to you to convey our appreciation of our National Escort. We were very impressed with his language fluency, his organizational skills and his encyclopaedic knowledge of the facts and history of the places we visited as part of the itinerary.

Mr & Mrs Nethersell, September 2010

#### Departure Dates & Prices

Depart US	Arrive US	Price
19 Mar 2012	07 Apr 2012	\$4,490
23 Apr	12 May	\$4,790
07 May	26 May	
21 May	09 Jun	
04 Jun	23 Jun	\$5,290
06 Aug	25 Aug	\$4,990
20 Aug	08 Sep	
03 Sep	22 Sep	
17 Sep	06 Oct	
08 Oct	27 Oct	\$4,790
22 Oct	10 Nov	\$4,490
19 Nov	08 Dec	\$3,790

Tour departs Monday and returns Saturday

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 \$2,690 (Shanghai – Beijing)
- Single room supplement from \$760 (see page 10)
- Tipping payable locally US\$78 (see page 10)
- Medium 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 20: Beijing – Hong Kong

Fly from Beijing to Hong Kong and transfer to your hotel.

#### Day 21: Hong Kong

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

#### Day 22: Hong Kong

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

#### Day 23: 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.

#### National Escort Emmanuel Tian's tour highlights



"Tour all the major cities like Beijing and Shanghai as well as visit real countryside on this relaxing easy-paced tour of China."