

Classic China

8 Days / 7 Nights

Beijing - Xi'an - Shanghai

Included:

- Accommodation 7 nights
- Airport transfers
- Admission fees and licensed guides at the Great Wall and the terracotta warriors
- Bullet train from Beijing to Xi'an
- Meals: 7B 4L
- Summer palace full-day tour
- Xi'an Muslim Quarter full-day tour
- Xi'an museum half-day tour
- Shanghai full-day tour



Itinerary summary:

Day 1: Arrival in Beijing

The guide greets visitors on arrival and accompanies them to the hotel.

Day 2: Beijing

Spend the morning at Tiananmen Square to learn about the history of China's most famous public space before continuing on to the Forbidden City. Explore the gardens and courtyards where emperors once strolled, admiring the 980 stately buildings that together make up one of the world's best and most influential examples of traditional Chinese palace architecture. Then, get comfortable in an authentic Chinese rickshaw and careen through winding ancient alleyways past traditional courtyard houses and hidden local markets. Finish the day with a dumpling-making class.

Day 3: Beijing: Great Wall and Summer Palace

Visit one of the greatest human constructions of the world, the Great Wall of China. Tour the Mutianyu section of this incredible landmark. Stroll across the top of the wall to admire the surrounding scenery. Continue on to the Summer Palace to explore this gorgeous complex with its many waterways, bridges, temples and pavilions. Stroll through the grounds to witness the epitome of Chinese garden design, then enjoy a boat ride across the lovely Kunming Lake for a different perspective of the landscape.

Day 4: Beijing to Xi'an

Enjoy the fast and comfortable bullet train after breakfast in Beijing. Enjoy a free evening in Xi'an.

Day 5: Xi'an

Start at the Terracotta Warriors, considered one of the single most important archaeological discoveries in the world. Head next to the Xi'an City Wall, built during the Ming dynasty, China's most complete surviving city wall. Walk across the top of the wall to see how the footprint of this fortification has shaped the city. In the evening, explore Xi'an's Muslim Quarter – home to delicious local delicacies from stalls that line the area's bustling streets. The guide will help uncover China's roots to be found in this city from start to finish.

Day 6: Xi'an – Shanghai

Visit the Little Wild Goose Pagoda – a famous Buddhist Temple in Xi'an. The temple makes up a tasteful sightseeing district in Xi'an. Visitors can have an in-depth look at Xi'an culture and traditional Chinese culture through various monuments, shrines and exhibitions. Then head to the Xi'an Museum, home to thousands of ancient artefacts to admire and the best place to learn about China's story. Enjoy a Chinese calligraphy class before taking an evening flight to Shanghai.

Day 7: Shanghai

Enjoy the peaceful surroundings of Yuyuan garden in the morning before heading to the Bund – Shanghai's iconic waterfront. Walking along the Bund, which is at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the unique shape of the Oriental Pearl TV Tower can be seen on the opposite side as well as the tallest building in China, the Shanghai World Financial Centre. Head to the silk museum to understand the importance of silk in Chinese history and its relevance to the silk road. End the day with a tour of the boutique shopping district in affluent Xintiandi.

Day 8: Departure

Free time until airport transfer for departure flight.