

A Taste of China

8 Days / 7 Nights

BEIJING - XIAN - CHENGDU

Inclusions

- Accommodation 7 nights
- Airport transfers
- Admission fees and licensed guides as specified in the itinerary
- Second class soft seat bullet train from Beijing to Xian, Xian to Chengdu
- Meals: 7B 4L 3D



Itinerary summary

Day 1: Arrival in Beijing

Your guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel for the night.

Day 2: Forbidden City & Local Family Visit

In the morning, walk around Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world and one of the most well-known historical sites in China. Continue on to the Forbidden City, once the seat of Chinese political power for almost 500 years and home to China's last ruling dynasties.

During the afternoon, experience a charming slice of authentic Chinese life in a half-day walking tour through the city's hutongs, and visit a local family's home. Enjoy lunch here and a lesson in Chinese dumpling-making. End off the afternoon with a Chinese knotting class.

Day 3: Mutianyu Great Wall & Summer Palace

A jaw-dropping day of discovery, you will tour a quieter section of the Great Wall that is visited by fewer tourists, and after a local lunch break and a visit to a nearby jade factory, admire the largest imperial garden in China, the Summer Palace. The day includes a lovely boat ride on Kunming Lake and a Peking duck dinner to end off on a tasty note.

Day 4: Breakfast Tour & Beijing Bullet Train to Xian

Today gives you a glimpse inside the morning culture of hutongs and the opportunity to eat like a local. Get a broad taste of this world with several traditional breakfasts, and visit a street market to get an impression of the day-to-day happenings and lifestyle of the locals. Hop on-board for your second class soft seat bullet train ride to Xian. Upon arrival at Xian, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Day 5: Terracotta Warriors Museum, Xian City Wall, Yongxingfang

Spend the day amidst the greatest surviving treasures of ancient Xian, including the Terracotta Warriors and Xian Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition Centre. After a lunch and a lesson in lamian-noodle making, explore the fascinating Xian City Wall. From here, end off the day at the light-filled, lantern-dotted Yongxingfang Food Street and enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of this pulsating market.

Day 6: Chengdu

On this morning you will be transferred to the railway station and take the bullet train to Chengdu. In the afternoon, explore the Kuanzhai Lane of Chengdu and try out Sichuan's spicy specialties!

Then, visit the Shuijingfang Museum to learn about the history of Chinese traditional baijiu (a colourless liquor) and visit a part of its production line. Afterwards, head to People's Park, sit down and enjoy a cup of tea.

In the evening, savour a delicious hot pot dinner.

Day 7: Panda Base & Cooking Class

In the morning, you will head to the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Research Base, home to more than 80 adorable pandas and a number of smaller lesser-known red pandas. Observe the animals eating, playing and enjoying a carefully maintained habitat that closely resembles their natural one. Spend the other half of the day exploring Chengdu's revered culinary scene, and take part in a traditional Sichuan cuisine cookery class.

Day 8: Departure

Today you will be transferred to board your flight back home.