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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Shanghai Museum - Free Afternoon
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Overnight: Shanghai Hotel
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Optional Activity: Royal Caribbean 'Spectrum of the Seas' ship
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Day 9 At Sea
Overnight: Royal Caribbean 'Spectrum of the Seas' ship
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Day 10 Kobe, Japan – Arrive at 1:00pm
Kobe is known for its scenic setting of mountains framing the harbour. With a population over 1½ million people, Kobe has one of the biggest concentrations of foreign residents in Japan, which is reflected in its cosmopolitan atmosphere and collection of residences built in a distinctly non-Japanese style. Many Christian churches, Shinto and Buddhist temples and shrines, two famous statues of Buddha, a fine arts museum, and a municipal museum with a collection on Western cultural contact are among the highlights of this colourful city. The Ikuta Shrine, dating to the 3rd century, is among Japan's oldest Shinto shrines. Antique cable cars connect Kobe to Mt. Rokko, which offers panoramic views over the port city. Beyond the Mount Rokko hills are the outdoor hot springs of Arima Onsen.

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Located on the Japanese island of Honshu, Osaka is known for its modern architecture, vibrant nightlife and hearty street food. The city's most famous landmark, the 16th-century shogunate Osaka Castle, is surrounded by a moat and a beautiful park filled with plum, peach and cherry blossom trees. There are many other well-known landmarks in this city such as Sumiyoshi-taisha, Japan's oldest Shinto shrines, Tsutenkaku Tower, the WTC Cosmotower, the Floating Garden Observatory and Tempozan, the world's largest ferris wheel (entrances not included). For those interested in history, Osaka offers numerous museums (entrance not included) showcasing insight into this unique country. An overnight stop in port allows a great opportunity to experience Osaka's nightlife and superb restaurants.

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Day 12 Kagoshima, Japan – 1:30pm - 9:30pm
Kagoshima, a seaside city on Japan’s Kyushu Island, is the capital of Kagoshima Prefecture. It’s best known for Sakurajima, an active volcano that faces Kinko Bay. At its base, the Nagisa Lava Trail winds through lava fields filled with boulders. Once set on an isolated island, the volcano became connected to the Osumi Peninsula after an eruption in 1914.

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Day 13 At Sea

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Enjoy your final breakfast onboard before disembarking and making your own way to Shanghai Airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 15 Arrive in Australia
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Overnight: Beijing Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast
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Day 13 At Sea

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Overnight: Beijing Hotel
Meals included: Breakfast
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BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Mandatory service fee:
A mandatory service fee is not included in the tour price, and is required for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The mandatory service fee for the tour leader and driver is $10 AUD per person/per day where tour or transfer services are provided, which will be collected whilst on tour (this will include day of arrival and departure, and covers both the tour leader and driver). Find a breakdown of the fees due on tour below.

Standard Package:
- Beijing: $30 per person to be paid to your Beijing based tour guide prior to departing Beijing for services provided on days 1, 2 & 3 of the tour.
- Shanghai, Suzhou & Hangzhou: $50 per person to be paid to your Shanghai/Suzhou/Hangzhou based tour guide prior to departing Shanghai for services provided on days 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 of the tour.

Xi’an Extension:
- Xi’an: $20 per person to be paid to your Xi’an based tour guide prior to departing Xi’an for services provided on days 1 & 2 of the tour.
- Beijing: $30 per person to be paid to your Beijing based tour guide prior to departing Beijing for services provided on days 3, 4 & 5 of the tour.
- Shanghai, Suzhou & Hangzhou: $60 per person to be paid to your Shanghai/Suzhou/Hangzhou based tour guide prior to departing Shanghai for services provided on days 6, 7, 8, 9 & 10 of the tour.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 27th February 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement
For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

15 Day Standard Package:
- Inside Cabin: $1400
- Ocean View Cabin: $1450
- Balcony Cabin: $1550

17 Day Xi’an with Pre Tour Extension Package:
- Inside Cabin: $1600
- Ocean View Cabin: $1650
- Balcony Cabin: $1800

16 Day Standard Package:
- Inside Cabin: $1450
- Ocean View Cabin: $1500
- Balcony Cabin: $1600

18 Day Xi’an with Pre Tour Extension Package:
- Inside Cabin: $1650
- Ocean View Cabin: $1700
- Balcony Cabin: $1850

Departure Dates (2020)
February: 6 (16 Day Package)
February: 27 (15 Day Package)
Xi’an Pre-Tour Extension
February: 4 (18 Day Package)
February: 25 (17 Day Package)
Departure Cities
Sydney, Melbourne

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used
China Eastern Airlines, Air China, Hainan Airlines or China Southern Airlines (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early
Not available.

Stay behind
Not available.

Stopover Packages
Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades
Not available.

CRUISES

Cabin
All cabins are subject to availability; some cabins may have restricted views.

Culturally Enriched Cruise
Bring the destination experience to life onboard. Dining venues showcase local flavours, entertainment, and activities to reflect local tastes. These special sailings are very popular with guests from the region, so you will be immersed in the local culture, language, customs and practices, while still enjoying the signature service and amenities. For more information visit RoyalCaribbean.com.au

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used
5 Star (self-rated)
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines ‘Spectrum of the Seas’ ship

**4 Star (self-rated)**
- Beijing: Friendship Hotel / Jingdu Guilin Hotel / North Star Continental Grand Hotel / Gehua New Century / Novotel Sanyuan / Beijing Nanyueyuan Hotel / Century Huatian Hotel / Beijing Riverside Hotel / Beijing GuanTong Jianhui Hotel / Schonbrunn Hotel / Chunhuiyuan Resort and West International Trade Grand Hotel / Beijing Metro Park Hotel Ying Kun or similar
- Hangzhou: Pujing Garden Hotel / Fubang International Hotel / Holiday Inn Hangzhou Airport Zone / Yuandong Hotel OR Hai Wai Hai BAI Na Hotel
- Suzhou: Snowy Sea Hotel / Holiday Inn Express Suzhou Taihu Lake / Jincheng Hotel / Berkeley Residence Gusu / Vienna International Hotel OR China Garden Hotel
- Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express / Holiday Inn Shanghai West / Mercure Hongqiao Central / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao / Lin Yin Art Hotel Shanghai / Crowne Plaza Shanghai Xiyang Lake / Mercure Hotel Hongqiao South / Garden View Hotel OR Regal Plaza Hotel & Residence or similar
- Xi’an: Grand Noble Hotel, Yulong International Hotel, Holiday Inn, Golden Flower Hotel, Guangcheng Hotel OR Titan Hotel

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

**Extra Nights**
Not available.

**Maximum Room Capacity**
2 People

**Bedding Configuration**
Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

**Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms**
Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

**GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**
Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 42 per vehicle.

**Optional Tours / Activities – Available for purchase upon checkout**
Beijing: Day 2 (Day 4 extension package): The Golden Mask Dynasty - $70 per person
Beijing: Day 3 (Day 5 extension package): Tour 700 year old Hutong with Dinner - $65 per person
Suzhou: Day 7 (Day 9 extension package): Half Day Shanghai City Tour - $40 per person
Suzhou: Day 7 (Day 9 extension package): Huangpu River Night Cruise - $50 per person

Please note:
- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

**Optional Tours / Activities – Available for purchase on tour**
Suzhou: Day 5 (Day 7 extension package): Grand Canal Cruise - 220 RMB per person
Suzhou: Day 7 (Day 9 extension package): ERA and The Intersection of Time - 380RMB per person

Please note:
- prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency.

**EXCLUSIONS**
- Visa fees and requirements (A double entry tourist visa is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary (including any specialty restaurants onboard cruise)
- Mandatory service fee: $10 AUD per person/per day where tour or transfer services are provided (this includes day of arrival and departure).
- Cruise: Gratuities are payable on additional items and services such as wines and spa treatments
- Optional activities/tours (including any 'onshore' excursions as part of cruise)
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)
- Transfer: Cruise Port to Shanghai airport at the end of the tour

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER**

**Tour Guide:**
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

**Tour Leader:**
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and

**Child Policy**
- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.
communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

China
End of February/March is still quite cool in China. Temperature differences between day and night are large. Max temp is approx. 12-14 degrees with nights dropping lower. Packing a jacket/sweater is recommended.

Japan
In March, spring weather is an average of 13 degrees during the afternoon. Generally, regarded as one of the best times to visit Japan, when there is little rainfall, skies are clear, and temperatures are mild. Early flowering plants and trees, such as plum trees, deliver the first signs of spring, while the weather is getting noticeably milder.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:
At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:
Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

CRUISE

Disembarkation:
- Begins approximately 2 hours after docking.
- Due to security reasons, all guests must be on board 2 hours before sailing.
- Itineraries are subject to change at any time without notice.
- Check your specific sailing for exact departure and arrival times. All times are local to the port.

Cruise Loyalty Discounts:
Please note: Travellers booked via TripADeal will not be entitled to receive any cruise line customer loyalty discounts. Similar to airline frequent flyer programs, this is outside of the TripADeal booking process. However, customers may contact the cruise line direct upon receiving their TripADeal travel documents to request any membership benefits they are entitled to.

COACH TOUR

Meals:
27 Meals (16 Day Package) or 24 Meals (15 Day Package) are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Cruise
Pre-paid gratuities onboard the cruise are included in the package price. Any optional extras purchased onboard the cruise will have up to an 18% gratuity added.

Sightseeing:
Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:
Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

China
- A double entry Tourist Visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian Passport. You will be able to start your Visa application process once you receive your final travel documentation approximately 6 weeks prior to departure.
- TripADeal offers a fast, secure and easy service to obtain a Visa for this country - This Visa can take approximately 2 weeks to complete.
- Please start arranging your visa as soon as you receive your documentation to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
Japan

A Tourist Visa for Japan is not required if travelling on an Australian passport.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

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Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

Please note: Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. No refunds will be issued once offer has been purchased.