

10 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

# INCRECIBLE CHINA

\$799\*

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

TYPICALLY \$1499

BEIJING • THE GREAT WALL • SHANGHAI • HANGZHOU

## THE OFFER

There are only a handful of countries in the world that can delicately infuse old and new as well as China. This incredible country is steeped in rich-history, modern architecture, insightful living cultures and everything in between. The myths and legends of China are yours to discover on this 10 day cultural package.

Uncover the cultural splendour that is China as you make your way from landmark to landmark. See the adorable panda's at Beijing Zoo; experience the iconic sights of Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City; walk along the amazing Great Wall of China; take in the UNESCO listed Lingering Garden in Suzhou; be enchanted by the glittering cityscape of Shanghai; uncover Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East" and so much more!

This cultural exploration of China's wonders includes return international flights, eight nights 4-star hotel accommodation, 9 meals, a high speed train from Beijing to Suzhou, English speaking tour guides and more. This is truly one for every bucket list!

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## THE ITINERARY

### Day 1 Australia - Beijing, China

Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide and \*Perth for Beijing via Guangzhou, Shanghai, Xiamen, Shenzhen, Kunming, Haikou or Fuzhou. Fly with China Eastern, China Southern, Air China, Sichuan Airlines, Capital Airlines or Hainan Airlines (subject to availability). Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then transfer you to check-in to the hotel.

*Please note:* Due to flight scheduling and availability, many departures may occur on day 0. Affected customers must be at the airport the day before. Flight schedules will be confirmed approximately 4 - 6 weeks from departure.

*Please note:* Due to flight times and scheduling, some customers may be required to stay overnight in Guangzhou. In this scenario, the airline will provide accommodation and transfers.

**Overnight: Beijing Hotel**

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City

After breakfast, your exploration of Beijing begins with a visit to Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, followed by the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, officially as the Imperial Palace Museum, was originally constructed by the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty, Emperor Yong Le. 24 emperors once lived here successively. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420, but was burnt down, rebuilt, and renovated countless times, so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700s and onwards.

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour (not included) to see Beijing's 700 year old Hutong's (narrow lanes). You will also visit a local family living in a courtyard style home to experience the local customs including a delicious home-cooked dinner. The optional tour also includes a visit to Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, meaning Front Sea; Houhai, meaning Back Sea and Xihai, meaning West Sea), surrounding places of historic interest and scenic beauty and remnants of old-style local residences, Hutong and Courtyard.

**Overnight: Beijing Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 3 Great Wall of China

After breakfast, depart for the Great Wall. Along the way, stop at a Jade Museum to learn the history of jade. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as "Yu" and it has a history in China of at least four thousand years. Observe the skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs.

Afterwards, continue your journey with a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristy and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections which are the most accessible and consequently most crowded. The Great Wall meanders through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert - a distance of more than 3500 miles.

Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (not included).

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**Overnight: Beijing Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

### Day 4 Beijing Zoo - Beijing – Suzhou (high speed train experience)

Following breakfast at the hotel, visit Beijing Zoo to see giant pandas - one of the icons of China. After the zoo, make a stop at 'Tongrentang' to learn more about traditional Chinese medicine.

Next, transfer to Beijing Railway Station for your high speed train ride to Suzhou (approx. 4.5 hour train ride). Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the train station and then escort you to check into the hotel.

**Please note:**

*- High speed train tickets are subject to availability, and if train tickets are unavailable a domestic flight will be provided in place of this train journey.*

*- If you do not provide your passport details at least 35 days prior to departure you may not be in the same train carriage or on the same train as your companions and other group members.*

*- Seating arrangement on high-speed trains consists of a row of 2 seats and a row of 3 seats. Due to this, we cannot guarantee you a seat right next to your travel companion on this journey.*

**Overnight: Suzhou Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 5 Suzhou – Wuxi

Often called the 'Venice of the East', Suzhou has a history dating back to 514BC. Visit the famous Lingering Garden,

recognised with other classical Suzhou gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. China is renowned for its exquisite silk, so naturally a visit to the Silk Spinning Factory is also in order. Take the opportunity to cruise along the Grand Canal (not included) to view life along China's ancient waterway. Next, drive to Wuxi (approx. 1 hour coach ride) and enjoy free time at leisure in Nanchan Street, an ancient street which has been elegantly renovated.

**Overnight: Wuxi Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 6 Wuxi – Hangzhou

This morning visit Li Lake Park, the habitat of egrets and many rare species of birds. View the picturesque Taihu Lake, the second biggest freshwater lake in China. Then visit a Pearl Outlet to learn more about traditional Chinese pearls. Next, drive to Hangzhou (approx. 2.5 hour coach ride).

**Overnight: Hangzhou Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 7 Hangzhou – Shanghai

After Breakfast, start this amazing day with a small boat ride on the West Lake - another UNESCO World Heritage Site, which reveals the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow draped islands. Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China, so a visit to the city just isn't complete without a trip to a local tea house.

Make a special visit to the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village located at the hinterland of West Lake Park which is considered one of the most important Longjing tea productions in China. Enjoy the natural environment and

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beautiful village scenery while learning more about their special tea culture and how to appreciate the sophisticated taste and aroma of Longjing tea. At the Tea House, learn how to make the Longjing Tea including tea leaves picking, frying and tasting.

Next, drive to Shanghai (approx. 2 hour coach ride) to visit the famous Bund. Shanghai is divided by the Huang Pu River into eastern and western sections. Modern mega high rises are seen on the eastern side while traditional European style architecture may be seen on the western side. The Bund is a five-block riverfront promenade, where you'll find most of Shanghai's banks and trading houses. Tonight, there is an optional activity to watch a thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show "ERA: The Intersection of Time" (not included).

**Overnight: Shanghai Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 8 Shanghai - Free Time

This morning, step back in time at the Shanghai Museum – home to more than 120,000 objects and artworks. Enjoy some free time at leisure this afternoon or join an optional half-day tour of Shanghai (not included) including Yu Garden, believed to have been built more than 400 years ago. The exquisite garden architecture has made the garden one of the highlights of Shanghai. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional "Night Cruise on the Huangpu River" (not included).

*Please note:* If the Shanghai Museum is closed you will visit the Suzhou Museum on day 4 or 5.

**Overnight: Shanghai Hotel**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### Day 9 Shanghai, China – Australia

This morning, enjoy some free time at leisure or take the opportunity to join an optional tour to visit the AZ Plaza and experience the famous Maglev Train (not included, time permitting). Afterwards, transfer to Shanghai Airport for your return flight back to Australia.

*Please note:* Due to flight times and scheduling, some customers may be required to stay overnight in Guangzhou. In this scenario, the airline will provide accommodation and transfers.

**Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight**

#### Day 10 Arrive in Australia

Please note some flights may arrive + 1 days.

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover China at an unbelievable price
- Explore Beijing, Suzhou, Wuxi, Hangzhou and Shanghai
- Visit impressive Tiananmen Square in Beijing
- Step back in time at the UNESCO listed Forbidden City
- Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work
- Tick off the bucket list at the ancient Great Wall of China
- Witness adorable Giant Pandas at the Beijing Zoo
- Learn about traditional Chinese medicine at 'Tongrentang' in Beijing
- Visit the serene Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory in Suzhou
- Enjoy free time at ancient Nanchan Street in Wuxi
- Visit scenic Li Lake Park, home to many species of birds
- Learn about pearls at a Freshwater Pearl Centre
- Cruise on the beautiful West Lake of Hangzhou
- Learn about Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village - includes tasting
- View the dazzling Shanghai skyline from The Bund
- Delve into China's rich history at the Shanghai Museum
- Enjoy free time at leisure in bustling Shanghai

### FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/  
MEL/\*BNE/\*ADL/\*PER

### ACCOMMODATION

8 nights 4-star hotel accommodation

### DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast plus 1 feature lunch

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

### TRANSPORT

1-way high speed train (economy class): Beijing to Suzhou

Transportation by private A/C vehicles

### TRANSFERS

Return airport and rail transfers

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*\*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

## 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:

- Beijing: \$40 per person total payable to your Beijing based guide prior to departing Beijing for services provided on days 1, 2, 3 & 4 of the tour.
- Shanghai/Suzhou/Wuxi/Hangzhou: \$50 per person total payable to your Shanghai/Suzhou/Wuxi/Hangzhou based

guide prior to departing Shanghai for services provided on days 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 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 10th November 2020.

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

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$490 applies.

### Departure Dates (2020)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide, \*Perth

### Departure City Surcharges

\*Brisbane: \$200 per person

\*Adelaide & Perth: \$300 per person

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

China Eastern, China Southern, Air China, Sichuan Airlines, Capital Airlines or Hainan Airlines and any codeshare partners (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.

### Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight on Day 1, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you are going to miss

your flight for whatever reason, please contact TripADeal as soon as possible to make arrangements.

### Arrive early

Not available.

### Stay behind

Not available.

### Stopover Packages

Not available.

### Flight Class Upgrades

Not available.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

#### 4 Star (self-rated)

- Beijing: Friendship Hotel / Jingdu Guilong 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 / Berkesy Residence Gusu / Vienna International Hotel OR China Garden Hotel

- Wuxi: Swiss-Belhotel Liyuan / Mingdu Hotel / Landison Plaza Hotel / Gloria Grand Hotel or similar

- Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express/ Holiday Inn Shanghai West / Mercure Hongqiao Central / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao / Lin Yin Art Hotel Shanghai / Crowne Plaza Shanghai Xiayang Lake / Mercure Hotel Hongqiao South / Garden View Hotel OR Regal Plaza Hotel & Residence

*Please note:* Accommodation/rooms



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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

## Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 8 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.

## Triple Share

Not available.

## 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 44 per vehicle.

## Optional Tours / Activities

Beijing: Day 2: Tour 700 year old Hutong with Lunch - 300 RMB

Beijing: Day 3: The Golden Mask Dynasty - 330 RMB

Suzhou: Day 5: Grand Canal Cruise - 220 RMB

Shanghai: Day 7: ERA and The Intersection of Time - 380 RMB

Shanghai: Day 8: Half day city tour - 180 RMB

Shanghai: Day 8: Huangpu River Night Cruise 240 RMB

Shanghai: Day 9 (if time permitting): AZ Plaza and Maglev Train Experience - 220 RMB

**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 specified

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Mandatory Service Fee: \$10 AUD per traveller/per day where tour or transfer services are provided (this will include day or arrival and departure)

- Optional activities/tours

- Personal expenses

- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

**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 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

### Beijing:

Beijing has a temperate and continental monsoon climate, with four distinct seasons and big differences in temperature between day and night. The seasons: summer in Beijing is hot and humid, while winter is cold and dry. Spring and autumn are short and cool. The coldest month is January at an average of -4°C, and the hottest month is July at an average of 26°C.

### Shanghai:

Shanghai weather is generally mild and moist, with four distinctive seasons - a pleasant warm spring, a hot rainy summer, a comfortable cool autumn, and an overcast cold winter. The weather of Shanghai in July and August is the hottest, with more than 10 days' high temperatures above 35°C. The coldest period is from late January to early February. The springtime from March to May is recommended as the best time to



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pay a visit, while October to November, with pleasant autumn climate, is also a wise choice.

## 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.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

Daily breakfast and 1 feature lunch 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 standard level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home.

It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

### 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 (subject to availability).

### 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

A 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.

Important: Please start arranging your visa as soon as you receive your documentation to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

**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

**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. Please read the Refund and Cancellation policy prior to purchase as strict conditions apply beyond this point.

