



China Highlights (PCF) 2024

11 Days 9 Nights

Itinerary

DAY 1 USA - BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's extraordinary capital.

DAY 2 ARRIVE IN BEIJING

On arrival, meet your guide at Beijing airport and relax with a convenient transfer to your luxury hotel for a well deserved rest.

Land only package does not include airport transfers.

Hotels :★★★★★ The St. Regis Beijing or similar

DAY 3 BEIJING

Today enjoy an introductory tour of Beijing, whose origins extend back 3,000 years. The seat of the Ming and Qing emperors until the early 20th century, China's capital fuses gleaming temples with austere public monuments built by Chairman Mao. Explore Tiananmen Square*, the world's biggest public square, and visit the Forbidden City*, the secret-steeped residence of 24 emperors. This UNESCO World Heritage site is girded by 10-meter high walls and consists of more than 8,000 rooms, all exuding imperial mystique. Later, visit the stunning UNESCO-protected Summer Palace*. Walk around this entrancing park, a vision of Chinese landscaping, to view the elaborate bridges, temples, and pagodas that flank Kunming Lake. Then we travel to the Temple of Heaven*, a fascinating complex of imperial cult buildings centered on a sacrificial altar pavilion. Constructed in the early 15th century, the temple compound was used by China's emperors to perform animal sacrifices that they believed would secure bountiful harvests. Admire the halls and pavilions before making a stop for photos at bustling Qianmen Street*. This evening enjoy a delicious local cuisine dinner.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner

Hotels :★★★★★ The St. Regis Beijing or similar

DAY 4 BEIJING

After breakfast at your hotel, travel to the Great Wall* or 'Long Wall of Ten Thousand Li' as it's named in old Chinese. Built over 2,000 years ago to stave off nomadic invasions from the north, the gargantuan wall trails for over 5,500 miles across China like an imperial dragon. Stride along the battlements and behold the views over the mountains and valleys stretching into the distance. Cap your day with photo stops at the impressive Bird's Nest* and Water Cube* stadiums, built for the 2008 Olympics. Tonight savor a mouthwatering Peking duck banquet* for dinner.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Special Dinner

Hotels :★★★★★ The St. Regis Beijing or similar

DAY 5 BEIJING - GUILIN

After breakfast, catch a short flight to Guilin, whose surrounding countryside is described by the Chinese as 'unmatched under heaven'. Check in at your hotel and enjoy the buffet dinner at the hotel.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotels :★★★★★ Shangri-La Guilin or Similar

DAY 6 GUILIN - YANGSHUO

A meandering river cruise* down the Li River is a delightful way to savor the serene, fairytale scenery of Southern China. You may even catch the fascinating sight of fishermen fishing with cormorant birds. The cruise ends at Yangshuo. Disembark and enjoy wandering around the town with a visit to the ancient West Street. When the sun sets, enjoy the local cuisine, rice noodles for dinner followed by the fantastic Minority Musical Stage Performance on Li River* - "Yingxiang Liusanjie". The show is directed by Chinese famous director Yimou Zhang. (Admission fees will be refunded if the show is canceled as a result of inclement weather).

Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and show

Hotels :★★★★★ Green Lotus Hotel or Similar

DAY 7 YANGSHUO - LONGJI - GUILIN

After breakfast, enjoy a day trip showcases the scenery and indigenous cultures of the Longji Rice Terraces. The bus drives along the winding mountain road to the Longji Rice Terraces which has the shape of a giant dragon. Visit a local village and learn about the traditions of the Zhuang people, who have been farming rice in the terraces for centuries and the unique stilt houses. Back to Guilin by coach. Tonight enjoy the Guangxi local cuisine.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotels :★★★★★ Shangri-La Guilin or Similar

DAY 8 GUILIN - XIAN

After breakfast, check out the hotel and visit The Elephant Trunk Hill Park. The Hill looks like an elephant dipping its nose into the Li River for water. Explore the Reed Flute Cave* and marvel at the otherworldly stalactite and stalagmite formations. In the afternoon, board the domestic flight to Xi'an, home to the life-sized Terracotta Warriors and Horses, upon arrival, transfer and enjoy the special State Banquet style dinner.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotels :★★★★★ Hilton Xian or similar

DAY 9 XIAN

Once China's capital and the eastern terminus of the Silk Road, the vibrant city of Xian dates back 3,000 years and is best known as the home of the Terracotta Warriors. Unearthed by farmworkers in 1974, this 6,000-strong mass of carved life-size soldiers and horses represent the real army that guarded China's first emperor, Qin Shih Huang, and were interred with his tomb in 200 BC. After viewing the ranks of warriors, neatly arranged in the battle order of the time, visit the nearby Mausoleum of Qinshihuang* and then return back to the city limits for a view of the ancient city wall. Tonight enjoy the Tang Dynasty style dinner.

Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and show

Hotels :★★★★★ Hilton Xian or similar

DAY 10 XIAN - SHANGHAI

Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda*, one of the most well preserved Buddhist temples in China. Pass by the massive Old City Wall and Bell Tower. Then board a flight to Shanghai, China's largest city.

Included: Breakfast

Hotels :★★★★★ The Portman Ritz-Carlton Shanghai or Similar

DAY 11 SHANGHAI

Our morning tour of Shanghai includes a leisure walk along Shanghai's famous waterfront boulevard, the Bund. Enjoy the dramatic skyline along the Huangpu River, then board our coach and drive through the famous shopping district, Nanjing Road. After visiting the Shanghai Museum (no audio service), the remainder of the day is free, for you to explore the city on your own. Tonight enjoy the farewell dinner together with your group members.

Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotels :★★★★★ The Portman Ritz-Carlton Shanghai or Similar

DAY 12 SHANGHAI - USA

Following breakfast, enjoy a convenient transfer to the airport for your return flight to the US.

Included: Breakfast

DATE & PRICES

All prices are listed per person (based on double occupancy).

START – END	LAND ONLY	CHINA DOMESTIC FLIGHT	LAND & AIR	SINGLE SUPPL
Aug 17, 2024 – Aug 27, 2024	2700	\$600	---	\$850
Sep 14, 2024 – Sep 24, 2024	2800	\$600	---	\$900
Oct 19, 2024 – Oct 29, 2024	2800	\$600	---	\$900

* Advertised "Land Only Package" price does not include any air ticket(s)

* For child (2-11 yrs) rates, please refer to [Reservation](#)

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