

Hotel (or the same standard):

Beijing: ****Guangxi Hotel Beijing

Xi'an: ****Hotel Royal Garden Xi'an

Hangzhou: ****Best Western Hotel Hangzhou

Shanghai: ****Shanghai Hotel

Guilin: ****Guilin Plaza

Guangzhou: ****Landmark Hotel Guangzhou

Hong Kong: ****City Garden Hotel Hong Kong

High Season: Apr., May, Sep., Oct., 1st Nov.-15th Nov.

Shoulder Season: Mar., July, June, Aug., 16th Nov.-30th Nov.

Low Season: Dec., Jan., Feb.

[Tour Code: CH-004]

Highlight in China

*Beijing, Xi'an, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Guilin, Yangshuo, Guangzhou, Hong Kong
(15 days)*

This 15 days best-selected China Highlights tour covers China's yesterday, today and tomorrow. We will take you to the most important historical and modern cities in China. You will visit the major tour sites, such as the Great Wall, the Forbidden City in Beijing, Terra-cotta Warriors in Xian & the Oriental Pearl TV Tower in Shanghai. You will also have a chance to visit the "paradise city on earth"- Hangzhou, the picturesque city- Guilin and the "city of active" -Hong Kong.

Day01 Arrive in Beijing Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your comfortable hotel. (D)



Day02 Beijing Begin the day's activity with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest urban square in the world. Then, move on to the Imperial Palace, also known as the "**Forbidden City**", the biggest palace complex in the world. In the afternoon, visit **Temple of Heaven**, the place where the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for peace and harvest. A **Peking Duck Dinner** concludes your first full day's activities in China. (B-L-D)

Day03 Beijing Visit the enchanting **Summer Palace**, one of China's largest and best-preserved royal gardens, where you can have a walk along the famous Long Corridor. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Yonghe Lama Temple**, the biggest Tibetan Buddhist Lama Temple in Beijing, and the most renowned in China (outside Tibet itself). (B-L-D)

Day04 Beijing Today's highlight is the visit of **the Great Wall**, one of the "Seven Wonders in the World" and a symbol of Chinese civilization. Just like a gigantic dragon, the Great Wall winds up and down across mountains. Then, move on to visit the **Ming Tombs (Changling Tomb)** area where is for deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. (B-L-D)



Day05 Beijing-Xian After a relaxed breakfast at hotel this morning, you will take a ride in rickshaw through some old "**Hutongs**", lanes or alleys formed by lines of Siheyuan (a compound with houses around a courtyard). Fly to Xi'an and check in Hotel upon arrival. Visit **Forest of Steles Museum** where precious stone carvings and sculptures are kept. Enjoy a characteristic **dumpling dinner** at a local restaurant. (B-D)



Day06 Xi'an Begin the day's activity with an once-in-a-lifetime viewing of the extraordinary 2,200-year-old **terra-cotta warriors** of China's first feudal Emperor, Qin Shihuang. Then, you will visit **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** which was built in 652 A.D. It contains a large volume of Buddhist scriptures which were obtained from India by the eminent monk of Xuanzang. (B-L-D)

Day07 Xi'an-Hangzhou Take a morning flight to Hangzhou, famous for its natural beauty and historical and cultural heritages. Visit **Huqingyutang**, a pharmacy shop and museum of traditional Chinese medicine. Then, you will visit the **Former Residence of Hu Xueyan** who set up Huqingyutang Drugstore and was called "the medicine king in south of the Yangtze River". The former residence boasts 13 towers, Zhiyuan Garden, pavilions, terraces, a small bridge over a flowing stream and bright verandas, all ingeniously designed. You will also visit the **Pagoda of Six harmonies** standing by Qiantang River. The extant pagoda is octagonal, has thirteen levels on the exterior but seven levels on the interior, and is 59.89 meters high. (B-L-D)

Day08 Hangzhou A full day tour is to appreciate the incomparably lovely **West Lake** with its soaring bridges and flower-bright islets. Enjoy a **boat ride** on West Lake. Visit the **Huagang Park (Flower Harbor Park)**, the most attractive waterside park. Ancient Chinese people praised the West Lake area as a land of intoxicating beauty. Then, enjoy a walk along the **Su Causeway** that is spanned with six bridges offering different views, the willows tossing among blooming peach flowers in spring. Also, you will visit a **Tea Museum** showing the history and



production of Chinese tea. Move on to visit the **Meijiawu Tea House**, the tea village of famous Dragon's Well Tea. (B-L-D)



Day09 Hangzhou-Shanghai Take a morning train to Shanghai, the bustling commercial heart of China, known as “Paris of the East”. Visit **the Bund**. The splendid row of early 20th century European buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Visit **Yuyuan Garden** -- a well restored Suzhou-style garden, and take a walk through the Old Town filled with antique markets and specialty stores. **A fabulous acrobatic show** concludes your first day in Shanghai. (B-L-D)



Day10 Shanghai This morning you will visit marvelous **Shanghai Museum**, a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Move on to check out the **St. Ignatius Cathedral** (Xujiahui Cathedral) built in 1846. Wander around the former French Concession represented by the leafy **Fuxing Park** and the architecture in the area. Then pay a visit to the **Jade Buddha Temple** where two rare jade statues of Sakyamuni Buddha are treasured. You will have some free time in the afternoon to explore the city. (B-L-D)

Day11 Shanghai-Guilin Take a morning flight to Guilin, one of China's top attractive destinations. Pay a visit **Fubo Hill** for a panoramic view of Guilin and **Seven Star Park**, named after the tale that the seven peaks of Mountain Qixing (Seven Star) were the seven stars in the north sky falling down to the earth. (B-L-D)

Day12 Guilin-Yangshuo-Guilin Today's highlight is cruising down the **Li River**, which stretches 83 kilometers from Guilin to Yangshuo. The cruise will give you a chance to savor the lovely view of the area's extraordinary limestone peaks. The cruise ends in Yangshuo. Visit **local markets**. Yangshuo is a charming small town with its main street lined with small hotels, countless souvenir shops and restaurants. Then, drive back to Guilin. (B-L-D)



Day13 Guilin-Guangzhou Fly to Guangzhou in the morning. Begin today's tour with visiting to the **Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall**, which is the most symbolized building of Guangzhou, and a key venue for the large-scale meetings and performances as well. Then visit the **Memorial Hall of the Chen Family**, also known as Guangdong Folk Art Museum, the largest, best-preserved and decorated ancient architecture existing in Guangdong province. Finally visit **Temple of Six Banyan Trees** (386-581A.D). (B-L-D)

Day14 Guangzhou-Hong Kong Go to Hong Kong by train (this train fare allows one piece of check-in luggage) in the morning. Then, you will take a half-day guided tour of the Hong Kong Island. Climb to the top of **Victoria Peak** for spectacular views of Kowloon, the harbor, and the South China Sea. Visit the **tranquil fishing village of Aberdeen**, where life style seems unchanged for centuries. Also tour the beautiful **Repulse Bay** with sandy beaches. (B-L)



Day15 Return from Hong Kong Be transferred to the airport and board on your homebound flight. (B)

Price for 4-star hotel:

2007	≥10pax	Single Supplement	6-9pax	Single Supplement	2-5pax	Single Supplement
High Season	1558	487	1916	598	2274	598
Shoulder Season	1487	416	1847	529	2205	529
Low Season	1413	342	1789	471	2147	471
Note	1) We will arrange a national guide for the group over 10 pax, the cost is USD1540. (except in Hong Kong)					
	2) If the group is over 16 pax, the cost of the 16 th pax is USD1075.					