

# Beijing Great Wall Int'l Travel Agency

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## EX-004 Shanghai-Guilin-Yangshuo-Xi'an-Beijing (12 Days)

### Day 1/Arrive in Shanghai

Arrive in Shanghai, known as "Paris in the East". Meet your guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel. (D)

### Day 2/Shanghai



Visit the **Bund** in the morning, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the splendid row of early 20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Pay a visit to **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, which was specially built for Pan's parents as a place to enjoy themselves a tranquil and happy time in their old age. The pavilions, halls, rockeries, ponds and cloisters

are unique characteristic. And also take a walk through **Chenghuangmiao** (known as Yuyuan Garden Market) built in the fifteenth century during the Ming Dynasty. It filled with antique markets and specialty stores. Then, visit **Jade Buddha Temple**, built in 1882 to keep two jade Buddha statues which had been brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. The two precious jade Buddha statues, one sitting Buddha and one Recumbent Buddha, are carved with whole white jade. Enjoy a fabulous **Acrobatic Show** in the evening. (B,L,D)

### Day 3/Shanghai

Visit **EXPO 2010 site**. In 2010, Shanghai will host the biggest World Expo in the history of world expositions. Over 170 nations and at least 40 international organizations are expected to take part. By dedicating a 5.28-square-kilometer area at the core of the city to exhibitions, events and forums on the Expo theme, "Better City, Better Life", Shanghai hopes to build a powerful and lasting pilot example of sustainable and harmonious urban living. (B)

### Day 4/Shanghai

Visit **EXPO 2010 site**. During the 184-day expo, tens of millions of visitors will inspect and appreciate the urban object images and scientific and technological elements in the huge

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exhibition area, stroll among the most advanced urban civilization on earth, and walk amidst the magnificent prospects of the present and future urban life. It will be not only a trip for people to look forward to, but also a grand assembly for human beings to create a wonderful future. (B)

## Day 5/Shanghai-Guilin

Fly to Guilin. Pay a visit to the **Elephant Trunk Hill**, situated majestically on the western bank of Li River, resembling an elephant sucking water from the river with its long trunk. Then, visit the **Reed Flute Cave**, which is Guilin's largest and most impressive cave and contains some of the most extraordinary underground scenery in all of China. (B,L,D)

## Day 6/Guilin-Yangshuo-Guilin

Today's highlight is the **cruise down the Li River**, stretching 83km waterway from Guilin to Yangshuo, which is the masterpiece of Li River, decorating with rolling hills, steep cliffs, fantastic caves, leisurely boats and lined bamboos. 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**. Then, drive back to Guilin. (B,L,D)

## Day 7/Guilin-Xi'an

Fly to Xi'an in the morning. Begin the day's activity with an once-in-a-lifetime viewing of the extraordinary **Terracotta Warriors and Horses**, 2,200-year-old underground army of the first feudal Emperor, Qin Shihuang. Life size terracotta figures of warriors and horses arranged in battle formations are the star features at the museum. Stop to visit a **mountain village** on the back way. (B,L,D)

## Day 8/Xi'an

After breakfast, visit **Shaanxi History Museum**, the first huge state museum with modern facilities in China, and given the reputation of "bright pearl of ancient city, treasure house of China". Then, pay a visit to **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, originally built in 652 A.D. in Tang Dynasty (618-907A.D.), it functioned to collect large volume of Buddhist scriptures that were taken from India by the eminent monk of Xuanzang. Pay a visit to the **Great Mosque**, built primarily in the Ming Dynasty when Chinese architectural elements were synthesized into mosque architecture, and it is the largest and best-preserved one of the early mosques of China. Visit to **Forest of Steles Museum**, with 900 years of history, it 3,000 pieces of the earliest stone steles of different periods, from the Han Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty. (B,L,D)

## Day 9/Xi'an-Beijing

Fly to Beijing, the capital of China. Begin the day's activity with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest urban square in the world. Tian'anmen was built in 1417 and served as the entrance gate to the Imperial Palace. Move on to visit the Imperial Palace, well-known as **Forbidden City** which is the large scale construction of the palace extended from 1406 to 1420. It was the imperial

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palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. 24 emperors lived and ruled China from here. Enjoy **Peking Duck** for Dinner. (B,L,D)

## Day10/Beijing

Today's highlight is the visit to the **Great Wall**, one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" and a symbol of Chinese civilization. Then, drive to visit the statue-lined **Shenlu (Spirit Road)** leading to the Ming Tombs, here you can see some marvelous stone sculptures. The Ming Tombs area is for 13 deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. Visit the **Changling Tomb** which is the largest of the 13 as you can imagine it is quite impressive. On the way back to the hotel, stop at Olympic Park and outside view the National Stadium (**Bird's Nest, no entry**) and the National Aquatics Center (**Water Cube, no entry**), which are the main stadium of the 29th Olympiad in 2008. (B,L,D)

## Day11/Beijing

After breakfast, visit **Temple of Heaven**, built in 1420 A.D., which was originally the platform to offer sacrifices to Heaven during Ming and Qing Dynasties. The buildings and parklands reflect an ancient Chinese thought of "the Heaven is round and the earth is square". In the afternoon, visit the enchanting **Summer Palace**, the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. As a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design, it integrates the natural landscape of hills and open water with manmade features such as pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges into a harmonious and aesthetically exceptional whole. (B,L,D)

## Day12/Depart from Beijing

Transfer to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. TOUR ENDS! (B)

**Note: B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner**

## Hotel (or the same standard):

Shanghai: A: \*\*\* New Asia Hotel Shanghai (3-star building)

B: \*\*\*\* Grand Mercure Baolong Hotel Shanghai

C: \*\*\*\*\* Oriental Riverside Hotel Shanghai

Guilin: A: \*\*\* Guilin Fubo Hotel

B: \*\*\*\* Guilin Plaza Hotel

C: \*\*\*\*\* Guilin Lijiang Waterfall Hotel

Xi'an: A: \*\*\* Wan Nian Grand Hotel (3 star building)

B: \*\*\*\* Jian Guo Hotel Xi'an

C: \*\*\*\*\* Ana Grand Castle Hotel Xi'an

Beijing: A: \*\*\* Beijing Dongfang Hotel

B: \*\*\*\* Grand Mercure Xidan Beijing

C: \*\*\*\*\* Beijing International Hotel

**Include:**

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- Twin sharing accommodation with buffet breakfast
- Domestic flight in economic flight and its airport tax: Shanghai-Guilin, Guilin-Xi'an, Xi'an-Beijing
- Lunch and dinner as mentioned in the itinerary in good local restaurant. A glass of soft drink is included. (No guarantee lunch and dinner in the hotel which the clients stay overnight.)
- (first) Entrance fee mentioned above
- English speaking accompanying guide through out program on all days with excursions
- Fare for Acrobatic Show
- All Transfers specified in the itinerary
- Scheduled sightseeing by air-conditioned coach with guide service

## **Exclude:**

- International & Domestic Flight and airport tax
- Tips, personal expenses
- Transfer for "day at leisure"
- Guide Service during the plane and train
- China Entry Visa
- Cable-car of the Great Wall