



China Essential

Small Group Tour

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The Essential China tour is the *perfect tour* for the first time traveller to China

Visit the illustrious capital, Beijing, vibrant Shanghai and historic Xian, for a wonderful introduction to the China Essential. There is also an opportunity to visit the charming canal town of Zhujiajiao, offering an insight into traditional China, ensuring your trip is completed with picturesque views of China's scenic countryside. This tour is ideal for those looking for a taste of China.



Locations *you will* be visiting



Beijing, China

Beijing is the capital city of China and is the nation's political and cultural centre.

—
3 Days



Xian, China

Xian, the eastern starting point of the Silk Road, capital of Shaanxi province and one of China's ...

—
2 Days



Shanghai, China

A vibrant financial city where tradition meets innovation

—
3 Days

YOUR TOUR ITINERARY

China Essential

10 day Tour Itinerary

An overview of your trip

DAY 1 Fly to Beijing

Take your scheduled flight from London to Beijing. Alternatively, we can arrange departures from your local airport.

- Transport: Airplane

DAY 2 Arrive Beijing

Upon arrival, our representative will meet and arrange your transfer to your hotel to check in for a three night stay. The afternoon is at leisure, with time to relax, or explore the surrounding area. In the early evening your guide will host a dinner to meet your fellow travellers.

- Meals included: Dinner



DAY 3 Beijing City Tour

Your tour begins after breakfast, with a visit to the Temple of Heaven – where the Ming and Qing emperors worshipped the god of heaven and prayed for good harvests for the year. Here you can witness the tradition of Tai Chi being practised in the courtyard, which is followed by a stroll through Tiananmen Square, and continues to the Forbidden City which served as the grand imperial palace for centuries. Your final stop of the day will be at the Hutongs. Here, you will gain a personal insight into the everyday life of traditional Beijing citizens.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 4 Great Wall

Enjoy a good breakfast at the hotel before your visit to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, a post on the wall with breathtaking views in a less crowded atmosphere. Mutianyu was built in the mid-6th century and its rich history can be observed in its unique construction. Back to the city and an opportunity for photographs at the Birds Nest Stadium and Water Cube, venues for the memorable 2008 Olympics and 2015 World Championships. In the evening, enjoy a fabulous Peking Duck Dinner, in the city that gave it its name!

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 Beijing to Xian

This morning visit the Summer Palace, which includes a grand collection of lakes, gardens, palaces and scenic views. This is followed by a relaxing boat ride on beautiful Kunming Lake, before catching your bullet train to Xian (approx. 5 hours 30 minutes) and checking into your hotel for a two night stay.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transport: Bullet Train



DAY 6 Terracotta Warriors

Today your guide will take you to visit the Terracotta Warriors, a stunning collection of 10,000 life size statues of the Chinese army, made over 2,000 years ago, yet preserved almost perfectly. This is followed by a visit to Xian's ancient city wall, best enjoyed on a leisurely stroll or bike ride. The evening's meal is a delicious dumpling dinner accompanied by a Tang Dynasty Show, a colourful performance of traditional music and dance.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 7 Xian City Tour and to Shanghai

Following breakfast, visit the Shaanxi Museum, home to over a quarter of a million artefacts, including treasures from many periods of China's history. The next stop, offers you the opportunity to discover China's unique architectural style at the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, before your last stop in Xian in the Muslim Quarter, and your chance to witness local life in the community. You will then be transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, where on arrival you will be taken to your hotel to check in for a three night stay.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch
- Transport: Airplane

DAY 8 Shanghai City Tour

The first attraction of the day, after breakfast, will be the Yu Yuan Gardens, first constructed in 1559 during the Ming Dynasty by Pan Yunduan. The gardens occupy an area of 5 acres and are home to beautiful pavilions, walkways, rockeries, streams, ponds, courtyards and flowers. A horticulturist's heaven. Next stop, the Jade Buddha Temple, where you can marvel at impressive temples, both ancient and modern, housing large, intricate sculptures of Buddha. Afterwards you will spend time at the Shanghai Museum, followed by the opportunity to visit the impressive waterfront attraction of the Bund to admire Shanghai as a modern metropolis. Later, on top of the Shanghai world financial centre, you can enjoy a breathtaking bird's eye view of the whole city.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 10 Fly to UK

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the UK.

- Meals included: Breakfast
- Transport: Airplane

DAY 9 Zhujiajiao

Today will start with a visit to Zhujiajiao, an ancient water town dating back over 1,700 years, known as the Pearl Stream. You can expect to see Ming and Qing Dynasty bridges, two ancient and historic buildings and the Ma Family Garden before heading back to Shanghai for an afternoon at leisure.

- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Optional Extras - Cultural Experiences

There is some free time in your itinerary for you to explore on your own, or treat yourself to an excursion. Use the links below to create a to-do list, or, if you'd prefer us to book you onto one of these or any other excursions, please let us know when booking your tour.



CHINA

China: Acrobatic Show in Shanghai

Watch a magical acrobatic show in Shanghai

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CHINA

China: Beijing Opera

Delight at a performance of traditional Beijing Opera

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CHINA

China: Kung Fu Show in Beijing

A dynamic kung-fu show in Beijing

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CHINA

China: Night Cruise on the Huangpu River in Shanghai

Marvel at Shanghai's twinkling lights on a night cruise

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YOUR HOLIDAY DETAILS

Departures and Prices 2020 / 21

China: China Essential

Depart	Return	Days	Price from	Availability	Reservation
19/03/2020	28/03/2020	10	£2,098	Spaces available	>
02/04/2020	11/04/2020	10	£2,198 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
09/04/2020	18/04/2020	10	£2,198 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
07/05/2020	16/05/2020	10	£2,198 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
14/05/2020	30/05/2020	10	£2,198 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
04/06/2020	13/06/2020	10	£2,198	Spaces available	>
23/07/2020	01/08/2020	10	£2,698	Spaces available	>
06/08/2020	15/08/2020	10	£2,698	Spaces available	>
03/09/2020	12/09/2020	10	£2,498	Spaces available	>
10/09/2020	19/09/2020	10	£2,498	Spaces available	>
17/09/2020	26/09/2020	10	£2,498	Spaces available	>
08/10/2020	17/10/2020	10	£2,498	Spaces available	>
15/10/2020	24/10/2020	10	£2,498	Spaces available	>
22/10/2020	31/10/2020	10	£2,448 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
18/03/2021	27/03/2021	10	£2,248	Spaces available	>
01/04/2021	10/04/2021	10	£2,348 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
08/04/2021	17/04/2021	10	£2,348 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
06/05/2021	15/05/2021	10	£2,298 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Special offer	>
13/05/2021	22/05/2021	10	£2,298 - NO SINGLE SUPP	Spaces available	>
03/06/2021	12/06/2021	10	£2,298	Spaces available	>

Single supplement from £268

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

During April and May 2020/21
and on 22 October 2020

Land only from £1,398

(without international flights)

Prices and products are subject to availability at the time of booking.

The deposit for these arrangements is £300 per person. Balance is due 12 weeks before departure.

This tour itinerary is also available as a Private Tour. Please ask for more details.

When making an enquiry or reservation we will request your contact details, however no payment will be required at this stage. We will contact you for payment details and to confirm your booking, your details and the details of those travelling with you along with any extras you'd like to add.

price from **£2,098**

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Special Offer

NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

Solo travellers can join this **China Essential** tour on the following dates, without the expense of a single supplement **saving from £268!**

2nd April 2020, 9th April 2020

7th May 2020, 14th May 2020

22nd October 2020

1st April 2021, 8th April 2021

6th May 2021, 13th May 2021

Offer Terms & Conditions

The offer is on selected tours and dates only

Offer is subject to availability

Offer is non-transferable

Standard Links Travel & Tours terms & conditions apply

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- International flights from London Heathrow with British Airways, in economy class
- Domestic flights in economy class
- Bullet train in first class
- 4★ accommodation on twin share basis
- Transfers
- English speaking guides
- Meals as specified
- Entrance fees to the sites listed
- Airport taxes
- Local tips: RMB390 (approx. £45) per person
- Personal spending
- China visa and fees
- Travel insurance

TOUR MAP



Extend your trip with a Stopover



STOPOVERS • CITY

Kuala Lumpur Stopover

3 DAY TOUR FROM £165

The perfect city extension to any tour

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STOPOVERS • BEACH

Phuket Stopover

4 DAY TOUR FROM £385

Phuket is the ideal place to relax before or after a tour of Asia

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Singapore Stopover

4 DAY TOUR FROM £399

Singapore, where traditional culture meets modern

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STOPOVERS • BEACH

Dubai Stopover

4 DAY TOUR FROM £350

Dubai, the ultimate stopover destination for shopping and relaxation

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We're here to listen to your needs so if you need to chat, then why not email us or pick up the phone, *we will be happy to help.*

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