

## SAMPLE ITINERARY: CHINA

### SUMMARY:

Experience the world's most populous nation by seeing the awe-inspiring historic attractions, gorgeous scenery, and mind-blowing modernization.

- **Trip Length:** 11 Days / 9 Nights
- **Begins In:** Shanghai
- **Ends In:** Beijing
- **Highlights:** Shanghai, Xian, Beijing, 3 Exhibition Games

### DAILY SCHEDULE:

#### Days 1-2:

**Travel:** Arrive Shanghai

English Speaking Guided Group Transfer to Hotel

**Cities:** Shanghai

**Highlights:** Arrival in Shanghai

**Meals:** Lunch, Dinner

- Depart on your overnight flight from the US to China.
- **Welcome to China!** Upon arrival in Shanghai, the beating heart of modern China also known as the 'Paris of the East,' meet your guide and driver for your group transfer to your hotel for a **welcome meal, orientation,** and **short walking tour.**

#### Day 3:

**Cities:** Shanghai with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** Wuzhen

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Visit the ancient canal town of **Wuzhen** and enjoy a leisurely stroll to absorb the atmosphere of this centuries old Chinese village. Home to an intricate system of canals, old wooden waterside houses, arch stone bridges, narrow cobblestone streets and an abundance of local handicrafts, Wuzhen is renowned for its old-world charm and picturesque setting.
- Return to Shanghai and enjoy a dinner of traditional **Shanghainese cuisine.**

#### Day 4:

**Cities:** Shanghai with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** Yu Gardens, Old Town, Shanghai Museum, the Bund, Xintiandi Architecture

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Start the day with a tour through the **Old Town** to the **Yu Gardens**, a well-preserved example of a traditional Chinese garden. Here you will see how the trees, buildings and water features are designed to blend in perfect harmony.
- Visit the superb antiquities and fine arts of the **Shanghai Museum**, which houses over 120,000 pieces of bronze, coins, jade, ceramics, paintings and calligraphy.
- Walk along the picturesque waterfront of the colonial **Bund**, the original 'Wall Street' of Shanghai.
- Tour the **Xintiandi** neighborhood, a historic part of the city. Today the area boasts a number of delightful cafes, restaurants and designer stores.
- Evening **Exhibition Game** against local collegiate or professional team.



### **DAILY SCHEDULE (cont.):**

#### **Day 5:**

**Travel:** Fly to Xian

English Speaking Guided Car Transfer:

Hotel to Airport / Airport to Hotel

**Cities:** Xian with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** Shui Jiao Dumpling Feast, Tang Dynasty Dance Performance

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Fly to Xian, the historical heartland of China.
- Enjoy a unique **Shui Jiao** dinner featuring multiple courses of Xian's famous dumplings.
- The entertainment this evening is a dazzling **Tang Dynasty Dance** performance. Its early folk roots began as a ritual of prayer for a good harvest, evolving over thousands of years, reaching its peak during the Tang Dynasty.

#### **Day 6:**

**Cities:** Xian with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** Terracotta Warriors, Ancient City Wall

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Visit the **Army of Terracotta Warriors**, one of the most important archaeological discoveries of the twentieth century. The figures were created over 2,000 years ago to accompany Emperor Qin Shihuang into the after-life.
- Take a leisurely walk on top of Xian's **ancient city wall**, one of the best preserved in China.
- Evening **Exhibition Game** against local collegiate or professional team.

#### **Day 7:**

**Travel:** Fly to Beijing

English Speaking Guided Car Transfer:

Hotel to Airport / Airport to Hotel

**Cities:** Xian & Beijing with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** Little Wild Goose Pagoda, Shaanxi Museum, Muslim Quarter

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Visit the **Little Wild Goose Pagoda** and the renowned **Shaanxi Museum** which is home to thousands of priceless relics.
- Walk through the lively **Muslim Quarter** to explore the Islamic food markets.
- Evening flight to Beijing, China's capital and cultural hub.

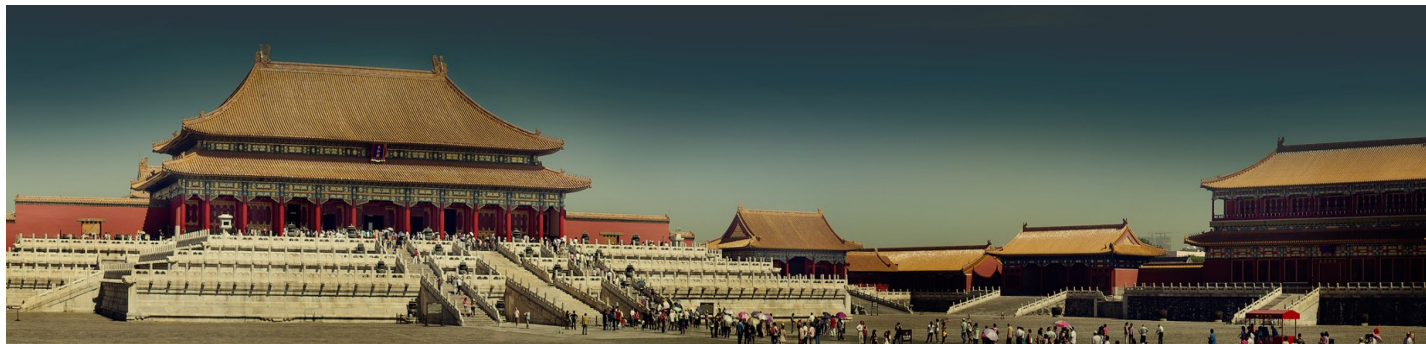
#### **Day 8:**

**Cities:** Beijing with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Chinese Acrobatic Show

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Travel back in time as you tour the bustling **Tiananmen Square** before entering the **Forbidden City**. Marvel at the incredible royal treasures, ancient relics and historic art while lingering over the ornate opulence of the ancient court.
- On to the unique **Temple of Heaven**, originally constructed in the Fifteenth Century. The circular Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests is constructed from wood without the use of a single nail. You will have opportunity to mingle with local people undertaking exercises and spiritual activities at this popular site.
- The evening entertainment is a fascinating **Chinese Acrobatic show**.



### **DAILY SCHEDULE (cont.):**

#### **Day 9:**

**Cities:** Beijing with English Speaking Guide

**Highlights:** The Great Wall of China, Summer Palace, Peking Duck Feast

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

- Visit the most famous sight in China: **The Great Wall**. Built to defend China from the Mongols, construction first started over 2,000 years ago and ultimately the wall reached nearly 4,000 miles in length from the Shan-haiguan Pass on the east coast to the Gobi Desert in the west.
- In the afternoon, visit the beautiful **Summer Palace**. The palace was famously commissioned by the last empress who diverted so much money to building the site that she bankrupted the Navy. This UNESCO World heritage site is considered a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. Take in the natural landscape of hills and Kunming Lake as well as the wealth of pavilions, halls, palaces, temples and bridges.
- Evening **Exhibition Game** against local collegiate or professional team

#### **Day 10:**

**Cities:** Beijing

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

- Day at leisure
- Farewell dinner includes the local delicacy, **Peking Duck**.

#### **Day 11:**

**Travel:** Departure from Beijing

English Speaking Guided Group Transfer to Airport

**Cities:** Beijing

**Meals:** Breakfast

- Group transfer to Beijing Airport for your departure flight from China.

### **TOUR INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS (This proposal can be modified as per your specific needs):**

#### **Includes:**

- Accommodation throughout tour (3 or 4 Star)
- Meals as indicated on itinerary
- All transfers and sightseeing with entrance fees as indicated on itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide and national escort
- Flight ticket in economy class. Beijing to Xian, Xian to Shanghai
- International Flight ticket
- Exhibition Games and Uniform Laundry
- Insurance
- Pre-Departure Support

#### **Excludes:**

- Visa and Passport Fees
- Gratuities
- ISIC Card
- Items of a personal nature

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