



# China's Ancient Empires to Japan's Cultural Charms: Pandas, Pagodas & Palaces



Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of China, where ancient wonders meet modern marvels. From the imperial grandeur of Beijing's Forbidden City and the iconic Great Wall to the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an, this expertly guided tour is rich with history, culture and once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Witness the charm of Chengdu's beloved Giant Pandas, savour traditional delicacies including Peking Duck and Sichuan Hot Pot. With Deluxe accommodation, high-speed bullet train travel, immersive cultural performances and optional experiences to tailor your journey, this tour is the perfect blend of discovery, comfort and adventure.

### Day 1 – Fly to Beijing, China

### Day 2 – Beijing, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

On arrival into Beijing (PEK) airport, you will be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Dinner will be served at your hotel this evening. (D)

### Day 3 – Beijing, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

Begin your day in the historic heart of Beijing with a walk across the vast Tiananmen Square before stepping into the majestic Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, explore a grand complex steeped in imperial history and opulence. After lunch, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the serene grounds of the Summer Palace - the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China, once the summer retreat of Qing Dynasty emperors. This evening, savour a traditional Peking Duck dinner, a classic dish once favoured by the imperial court. (B,L,D)



### Day 4 – Beijing, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

Today, venture beyond Beijing with your guide to one of the world's most iconic landmarks -

the Great Wall of China. Learn about its fascinating history before enjoying a walk along the scenic Mutianyu section, renowned for its well-preserved structure and breathtaking views. Afterwards, visit a jade museum where you'll have the chance to admire and purchase exquisite, handcrafted pieces. Continue to the Sacred Way and the Ming Tombs, the serene burial grounds of 13 Ming emperors. This evening, dine at a local restaurant before being captivated by a spectacular Chinese acrobatic performance. (B,L,D)

### Day 5 – Xi'an, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking assistant for a transfer to Beijing Railway Station, where you'll board a high-speed bullet train to Xi'an. Upon arrival, you'll be transferred to your hotel for check-in. This evening, take part in a delightful dumpling-making demonstration before indulging in a feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings. The evening concludes with a vibrant performance of Tang Dynasty dancing, bringing ancient Chinese culture to life. (B,L,D)



### **Day 6 – Chengdu, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)**

This morning, depart with your guide to witness one of China's most extraordinary archaeological discoveries - the Terracotta Warriors, crafted to guard Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife. Afterwards, visit the Xi'an Arts and Ceramics Exhibition Centre to learn about the intricate craftsmanship behind these life-sized figures. Later, transfer to the station and board a high-speed bullet train to Chengdu. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure. In the evening, savour the bold flavours of a traditional Sichuan Hot Pot, followed by the captivating spectacle of the Sichuan Changing Face Show - a dazzling display of local opera artistry. (B,L,D)

### **Day 7 – Chengdu, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)**

After breakfast, join your English-speaking guide for a heartwarming visit to the Chengdu Panda Research Base, home to China's most beloved national treasure - the Giant Panda. Observe these gentle creatures up close in a setting designed to closely resemble their natural habitat and explore the on-site museum to learn about the centre's pioneering breeding and conservation efforts. Later, soak in the lively atmosphere of Jinli Street, known for its traditional architecture, local snacks and vibrant culture, before returning to your hotel. (B,L,D)



### **Day 8 – Hong Kong, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)**

Board your short flight to Hong Kong, where you'll be met by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to your hotel to begin your two-night stay in this vibrant city. (B)

### **Day 9 – Hong Kong, China (Deluxe Hotel Stay)**

After breakfast, meet your English-speaking guide and ascend to Victoria Peak aboard the iconic Peak Tram, where you'll enjoy a guided walking tour with stunning panoramic views of Hong Kong's skyline.



Return to Central and ride the Central-Mid-Levels Escalator to Tai Kwun, the city's dynamic new arts and heritage centre. Continue with a stroll along Hollywood Road - hailed as the second coolest street in the world - and explore the historic Man Mo Temple. Visit the vibrant Blue House Cluster before savouring a traditional dim sum lunch. Later, take in the harbour views along the Avenue of Stars before returning to your hotel. (B,L)

### **Day 10 – Embark Norwegian Jade**

Say goodbye to China as you board the elegant Norwegian Jade, setting sail for the next exciting chapter of your holiday. Next Stop: Taiwan, where new adventures await! (B,L,D)

\*Please note that this itinerary reflects a general schedule; during the tour, please refer to the itinerary given to you by your guide

\*Itinerary is subject to minor changes.