

China
October 10-14
4 nights / 5 days – Beijing
Approximate Cost – \$519 Double / \$809 Single

October 14-18
4 nights / 5 days – Xian & Shanghai
Approximate Cost – \$1,089 Double / \$1,389 Single

Day 1 - Beijing Arrival

Check into Beijing International Hotel or similar (Transfers not included).

Day 2 - Beijing

City tour to visit **Tiananmen Square** (*a city square in the center of Beijing, China, named after the Tiananmen located to its north, separating it from the Forbidden City. The square contains the Monument to the People's Heroes, the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum of China, and the Mausoleum of Mao Zedong*), **Forbidden City** (*a palace complex in central Beijing, China. It houses the Palace Museum and was the former Chinese imperial palace from the Ming dynasty to the end of the Qing dynasty. The Forbidden City served as the home of emperors and their households and was the ceremonial and political center of Chinese government for almost 500 years*), in the afternoon we visit the **Temple Of Heaven** (*an imperial complex of religious buildings situated in the southeastern part of central Beijing. The complex was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest*). Evening show of Beijing Acrobatics

Overnight in Beijing (B, L, D)

Day 3 - Beijing

Trip to the **Great Wall of China** (*one of the greatest sights in the world — the longest wall in the world, an awe-inspiring feat of ancient defensive architecture. Its winding path over rugged country and steep mountains takes in some great scenery*). **Olympic Village** (*including the National Stadium (Bird's Nest), Aquatics Center (Water Cube)*), Hutong tour on rickshaw.

In the evening we enjoy Chinese Kung Fu show.

Overnight in Beijing (B, L, D)

Day 4 - Beijing

Today we visit **Beijing Zoo** (*Pandas*), **Summer Palace** (*a vast ensemble of lakes, gardens and palaces in Beijing. It was an imperial garden in the Qing Dynasty*), **Lama Temple** (*a temple and monastery of the Gelug school of Tibetan Buddhism located in Dongcheng District, Beijing, China. The building and artwork of the temple is a combination of Han Chinese and Tibetan styles*) and **Silk Market**. Beijing Roast Duck dinner.

Overnight in Beijing (B, L, D)

Day 5 - Departure

Breakfast included

At leisure before transfer to airport for flight home

Xian-Shanghai Extension

Day 5 - Transfer to airport for morning flight to Xian.

Airfare from Beijing to Xian included

Tour to visit **Giant Wild Goose Pagoda** (*a Buddhist pagoda located in southern Xi'an, Shaanxi province, China. It was built in 652 during the Tang dynasty and originally had five stories*), **Bell Tower Square** (*built in 1384 during the early Ming Dynasty, is a symbol of the city of Xi'an and one of the grandest of its kind in China. The Bell Tower also contains several large bronze-cast bells from the Tang Dynasty*). Enjoy a traditional dumpling dinner.

Overnight in Xian (D)

Day 6 - Xian

Visit **Terra Cotta Army and Horses** (*a super large collection of life-size terra cotta sculptures in battle formations, reproducing the mega imperial guard troops of Emperor Qin Shi Huang (259 - 210BC), the first emperor of the first unified dynasty of Imperial China*). Come back to the city in the afternoon and city tour to visit **Great Mosque** (*one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China. According to historical records engraved on a stone tablet inside, the Great Mosque was built in 742 during the Tang Dynasty*) and the old alley market around the area. Dinner show of Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing.

Overnight in Xian (B, L, D)

Day 7 - Transfer to airport for flight to Shanghai.

Airfare from Xian to Shanghai included

City tour to visit **Jade Buddha Temple** (*built in 1882, an old temple was built to keep two jade Buddha statues which had been brought from Burma by a monk named Huigen. The temple was destroyed during the revolution that overthrew the Qing Dynasty*), **People Square** (*a spectacular space in the heart of the city. It is a garden-type open space surrounded by buildings and facilities for administration, cultural activities, transportation and commerce*), **Tian Zi Fang Old Neighborhood** (*a touristic arts and crafts enclave that has developed from a renovated traditional residential area in the French Concession area of Shanghai*) and **Nanjing Road** (*the main shopping streets of Shanghai, China, and is one of the world's busiest shopping streets along with Bukit Bintang*).

Overnight in Shanghai (B, D)

Day 8 - Yu Yuan Garden

Visit New Bund at Pudong, Harbour Cruise, **Bund** (*Bund, also known as Shanghai Waitan, is one of local famous waterfronts and the symbol of Shanghai. Stretching from the Waibaidu Bridge to Nanpu bridge on the west bank of Huangpu River*). Afternoon tour to visit **Yu Garden** (*a classical garden ranking among the must-see attractions in Shanghai*) and free time to explore the market.

Overnight in Shanghai (B, L)

Day 9 - Departure

Breakfast included

Airport transfer not included. Guide will help to book taxi at request.