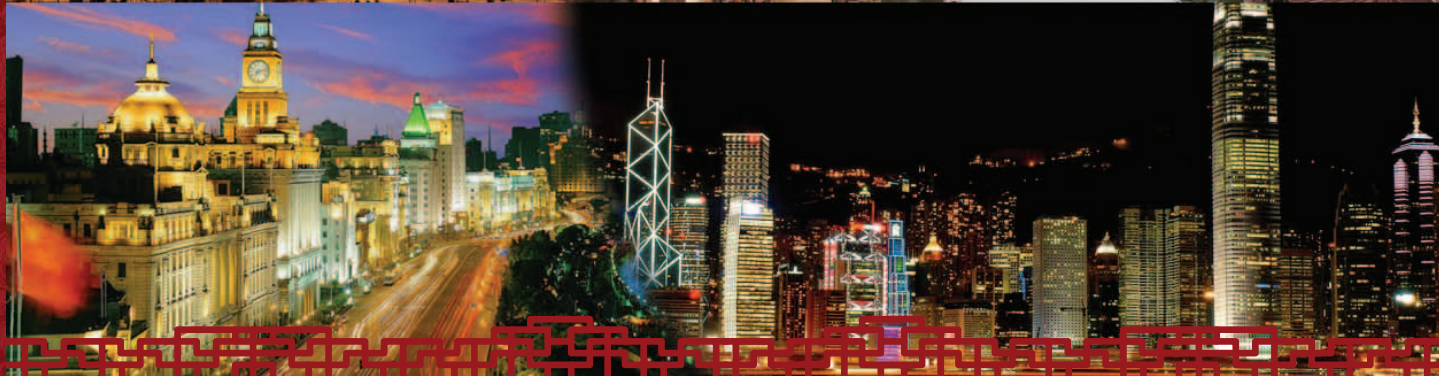


2013

Amazing China 22 Days

Nexus Holidays
联谊假期

Beijing ♦ Xi'an ♦ Yangtze River Cruise ♦ Chongqing ♦ Guilin
Yangshuo ♦ Suzhou ♦ Wuxi ♦ Hangzhou ♦ Shanghai



Tour Highlights

Beijing: Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Chinese Acrobatic Show, Summer Palace, Peking Roast Duck, Hutong, Wangfujing
Xi'an: Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum, Dumpling Banquet, Shaanxi Provincial Museum, Ancient City Wall, Big Wild Goose Pagoda
Yangtze River Cruise: Three Gorges, Three Gorges Dam, shore excursions

Chongqing: Chongqing Zoo (Panda House)
Guilin: Elephant Trunk Hill, Reed Flute Caves, Li River Cruise
Yangshuo: West Street
Suzhou: Grand Canal, Liu Garden,
Wuxi: Lake Tai, Lingshan Grand Buddha
Hangzhou: West Lake, Dragon Well Tea Plantation
Shanghai: Bund, Huangpu River, Xintiandi, Ming Dynasty Yu Garden, Shanghai Museum

Day 1 • Australia → Beijing

Fly overnight with Cathay Pacific to Beijing.

Day 2 • Beijing • (S)

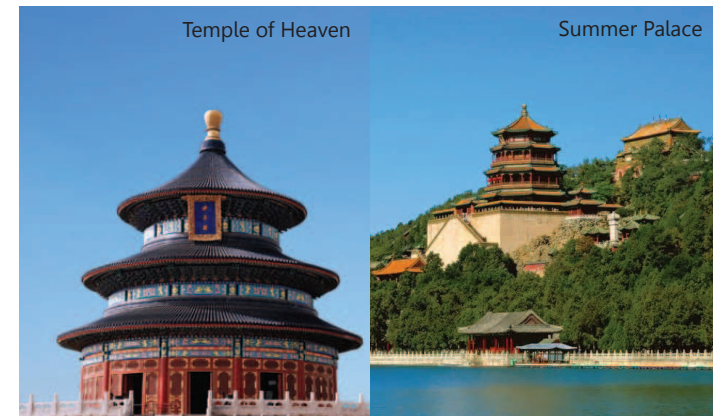
Arrive in Beijing, the capital city of China. We will be warmly greeted at the airport by our tour guide and transferred to our hotel. Our welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, "Peking Roast Duck".

Day 3 • Beijing • (B,L,D)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today we start our city tour with a visit to **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, followed by a visit to the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. In the afternoon, we continue to the **Temple of Heaven**, which was used by emperors in ancient times to offer sacrifices to heaven and pray for good harvest. After dinner, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty", at your own expenses (AUD\$55).

Day 4 • Beijing • (B,L,D)

Our highlight today is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall**, the most famous image of China. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a **Cloisonné Factory**. Later, visit the Changling Exhibition Hall of the **Ming Tombs** where thirteen out of the sixteen Ming dynasty emperors are buried. We cap off the day by attending a superb and thrilling **Chinese Acrobatic show** in the evening.



Day 5 • Beijing • (B,L)

This morning we tour the exquisite **Summer Palace** (Imperial Garden), the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors, followed by an outside view of the beautiful **Bird's Nest** (National Stadium) and **Water Cube** (National Aquatics Centre), both purposely built for the 2008 Olympics. In the afternoon, we explore Beijing's ancient alleyways ("Hutong") by pedicab, followed by a stroll in **Wangfujing**, one of Beijing's most famous shopping streets.

Day 6 • Beijing → Xi'an • (B,L,S)

This morning we fly to Xi'an, the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world during the Tang dynasty and capital for eleven dynasties over a period of more than 2,000 year. Our highlight today is a visit to the **Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum** to see the life-sized defending army to the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is among the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Later, we visit a Ceramics Art Factory, followed by a special **Dumpling Banquet**, while enjoying a performance of **music and dance from the Tang Dynasty**.

Day 7 • Xi'an • (B,L,D)

This morning we visit the fascinating **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**, followed by a local noodle lunch featuring a noodle making demonstration.

After lunch we visit the **Ancient City Wall**, the most complete ancient city wall that has survived in China. Then we visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city.

Day 8 • Xi'an → Wuhan → Yichang → Yangtze River Cruise • (B,L,D)

This morning we fly to Wuhan and transfer by coach (approx 4-5 hours) to Yichang, the starting point of our **Yangtze River cruise** for the next four nights. We board the luxury President Prime cruise in the evening and receive an introduction on cruise events and onboard activities.

Day 9-11 • Yangtze River Cruise • (B,L,D)

Enjoy a tour to the **Three Gorges Dam**, the world's largest dam, before cruising on the **Yangtze River**. Over the next few days, relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery as we cross through the Yangtze Three Gorges: **Xiling Gorge, Wu Gorge** and **Qutang Gorge**. Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes.

Day 12 • Yangtze River Cruise → Chongqing → Guilin • (B,L,D)

We disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing this morning and visit the **Panda House** at **Chongqing Zoo** before we fly to Guilin.



Day 13 • Guilin • (B,L,D)

With its name translating to "Forest of Sweet Osmanthus", Guilin has long been renowned for its unique scenery, amazing karst landscapes and rich ethnic cultures. This morning we tour **Elephant Trunk Hill** and the **Reed Flute Caves** and be amazed by the extraordinary karst limestone formations, followed by an **Ethnic Minority Dancing and Singing Show** this evening.

Day 14 • Guilin → Yangshuo • (B,L,D)

Today we enjoy a relaxing cruise along the **Li River**. The journey offers 30 miles of breathtaking scenery. We may have an opportunity to catch the fascinating sights of fisherman with cormorant birds while enjoying our lunch on board. We arrive in **Yangshuo Village** in the afternoon and walk along the 1,400 year old **West Street** and explore the beautiful Yangshuo local village. You may enjoy an optional show tonight - "Impression Liu San Jie", a large scale ethnic performance over the Li River, at your own expense (AUD\$60).

Day 15 • Yangshuo → Guilin → Shanghai → Suzhou • (B,L,D)

This morning we return to Guilin and fly to Shanghai, the modern metropolis and commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, we travel by coach to **Tongli Town**, a quiet and beautiful ancient water town with more than 1,000 years history. Then proceed to Suzhou which has been praised as "Paradise on Earth" since ancient times.

Day 16 • Suzhou • (B,L,D)

As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". Suzhou is

- ① Beijing
- ② Xi'an
- ③ Wuhan
- ④ Yichang
- ⑤ Chongqing
- ⑥ Guilin
- ⑦ Yangshuo
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- ⑩ Wuxi

- ⑩ Hangzhou
- ⑪ Hong Kong
- ⑫ Macau



also known as the "Garden City", due to its many classical gardens known for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. This morning we take a cruise on the **Grand Canal** and visit the **Liu Garden**, one of the four greatest Chinese gardens and a UNESCO world heritage site. We then visit a **Silk Spinning Mill** and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth.

Day 17 • Suzhou → Wuxi • (B,L,D)

This morning we travel by coach to Wuxi, a unique water village situated in the centre of China's Yangtze Delta and one of the oldest cities in China with more than 3,000 years history. Upon arrival, we visit **Lake Tai** and enjoy the beautiful view of Wuxi, followed by a visit to the **Lingshan Grand Buddha** and one of the largest **Fresh Water Pearl Exhibitions** in the country.



Day 18 • Wuxi → Hangzhou • (B,L,D)

This morning we travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, we take a boat ride on the magnificent **West Lake**, undoubtedly the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for the scenic beauty that blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. Later on we experience oriental tea-tasting at the **Dragon Well Tea Plantation**. After dinner, you enjoy an optional open-air performance - "Impression West Lake", at your own expense (AUD\$70), a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony.

Day 19 • Hangzhou → Shanghai • (B,L,D)

This morning we travel by coach back to Shanghai and walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the **Huangpu River**. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. We then continue on to the **Ming Dynasty**



Yu Garden which is considered to be one of four greatest Chinese gardens. After dinner, you may join an optional **Night Cruise on the Huangpu River**, at your own expense (AUD\$30).

Day 20 • Shanghai • (B,L,S)

This morning we visit the **Shanghai Museum** to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade. Then we explore the **Xintiandi** area, an affluent and fashionable pedestrian street composed of unique Shikumen ("stone gate") and modern architecture style. Our farewell dinner this evening will be a banquet of delicious **Shanghai cuisine**.

Day 21 • Shanghai → Australia • (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure before we transfer to Shanghai airport to board our overnight flight to Australia. The trip may be over, but the experiences and memories will certainly last of life time.

Day 22 • Australia

Arrive home this morning.

*Hong Kong & Macau 3 Day Extension

Day 21 • Shanghai → Hong Kong • (B)

This morning we fly to **Hong Kong**, the gourmet and shopping paradise of Asia. Check into our hotel upon arrival. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



Day 22 • Hong Kong • (B)

This morning we enjoy a half day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting **Victoria Peak, Stanley Market** and **Aberdeen Fishing Village**. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 23 • Hong Kong → Macau → Hong Kong • (B,L)

This morning we take a roundtrip high speed ferry to **Macau** for a one day city tour of Asia's equivalent to Las Vegas, visiting the **Ruins of St Paul Cathedral, A Ma Temple, Barrier Gate, Senado Square, Casinos** and **souvenir stores**.

Day 24 • Hong Kong → Australia • (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure before we transfer to Hong Kong airport to board our overnight flight to Australia.

Day 25 • Australia

Arrive home this morning.

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner, **S** = Special Banquet

*Nexus Holidays reserves the right to adjust the itinerary as it sees fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour and to substitute hotels of a similar standard if the hotels listed in our brochure are unavailable.



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China is an immense country. This comprehensive 'grand tour' of China is designed to be a trip-of-a-lifetime and showcases China's amazing history, rich culture, natural wonders, charming landscapes, and dramatic economic, social and architectural changes that characterise its future.

Commencing in China's capital city, Beijing, you will walk along the Great Wall, discover the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven. Marvel at the life-size Terracotta Warriors in Xian and relax on a Yangtze River cruise whilst travelling along the mighty river.

Visit Guilin, one of the most picturesque places in the world and stroll through the streets of Yangshuo; observe locals going about their daily business and visit the local markets.

Discover the exquisite historic city of Suzhou with its canals, stone bridges and meticulously designed gardens and the tranquil natural beauty of the city of Hangzhou. Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis of Shanghai.

In 22 days you will experience the very essence of this amazing country. The combination of places visited encapsulates China's past, present and future. This is a magnificent tour of amazing and unforgettable experiences!



Medium Paced Tour

2013 Guaranteed Departure Dates

Mar 22
Jun 21
Jul 26

Aug 23
Nov 08

Package Price

\$4,380

Land Only

\$3,180

Single Supplement

\$899

Apr 26
May 24
Peak Season

Sep 13
Oct 18

\$4,580

\$3,380

\$999

*Hong Kong & Macau Extension: \$599/person, \$280 single supplement

Departure City: Sydney or Melbourne

1. A \$250 surcharge applies to departure from Brisbane, Perth or Adelaide.
2. Land Only price excludes international airfare, China visa, arrival and departure transfers; includes all other tour arrangements within China.
3. Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Place check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information.
4. Child Price, please refer to our booking conditions.

Package Inclusions:

- International airfare (economy class) and taxes departing SYD/MEL
- Hotel accommodation
- Internal flights
- Daily meals as indicated (B/L/D/S)
- Coach transportation
- Site entry fees
- Professional English speaking tour guide
- China single entry visa

Package Exclusions:

- Tipping (\$10/day/person + \$40 for cruise; can be prepaid in Australia)
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Personal expenses

Hotel Accommodation

Beijing	Traders Hotel	5★
Xian	Titan Times Hotel	5★
Yangtze River	President Prime Cruise	5★
Guilin	Royal Garden Hotel	5★
Yangshuo	Jasper International Hotel	5★
Suzhou	Howard Johnson	5★
Wuxi	Doubletree by Hilton	5★
Hangzhou	Braim Canal Hotel	5★
Shanghai	Wyndham Hotel	5★
Hong Kong	Park Hotel	4★

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