

DISCOVER CHINA

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16 DAYS | FROM ADELAIDE | Departs 13 March 2027

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What to expect

Embark on an unforgettable 16-day escorted journey through the heart of China, where ancient wonders meet modern marvels. Begin in the vibrant metropolis of Shanghai, with its dazzling skyline and dynamic energy. Travel back in time as you stand atop the iconic Great Wall and explore the historic city of Xi'an, home to the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors. Wander through Tiananmen Square and step into the majestic Forbidden City, a symbol of imperial grandeur. Then, unwind on a scenic cruise along the legendary Yangtze River, gliding past dramatic gorges, tranquil landscapes, and traditional riverside villages. This relaxing voyage offers a unique perspective on China's natural beauty and cultural heritage. Along the way, discover breathtaking landscapes and treasured cultural sites that reveal the rich tapestry of China's past and present. This immersive adventure promises memories to last a lifetime.

Tour Inclusions

- Return international flights from Adelaide in economy class*
- Domestic flights in economy class Shanghai – Yichang
- Bullet train tickets in second class Chongqing Xi'an and Xi'an – Beijing
- Cruise includes one daily shore excursion along with various onboard activities and entertainment
- 9 nights in superior hotel accommodation and 4-night river cruise
- 32 meals
- Sightseeing per itinerary with applicable fees
- Audio headsets for flexible sightseeing
- Travel by air-conditioned coach
- Services of local professional English-speaking drivers/guides
- Hotel portorage where available for 1 bag per person
- Tipping / gratuities for included activities, meals and hotels
- Gratuities to Travel Director, coach drivers and local experts
- Pre departure function in Adelaide and tour documentation
- Escorted from Adelaide by Caitlin Nunan
- Bonus \$50 pp discount or wheel-aboard suitcase (1 per booking). Wheelaboard available in Adelaide only.

*Conditions apply: Departures from other capital cities available and may incur costs. If travelling from other capital cities, you will meet the tour host at the first hotel.

TOUR FROM	FULL FARE PRICE
TWIN SHARE	\$9,899*
SOLO PRICE	\$12,199*

Prices per person twin share, ex Adelaide

Personally Escorted
by Caitlin Nunan



BONUS

Choose from one of the following offers



\$50 per person reduction
on the tour cost



Wheelaboard Suitcase
Retail value \$1991



Fitness Levels



Physical Rating - Level 3

You need to be fit and active to participate in this tour. This tour involves getting on and off coaches, walking around sites, climbing steps or stairs, and navigating uneven terrain. On many of the days you will be active for most of the day. Expect to walk long distances each day (3-5 hours).

DAY 1 | 13 MARCH 2027

Late afternoon flight from Shanghai.

DAY 2 | 14 MARCH 2027

ARRIVE SHANGHAI

Stay: Hengshan Garden Hotel (Executive Room) or similar - 3 nights*

Upon arrival transfer to hotel. In the afternoon, visit Cloud 9 at Jin Mao Tower, for a drink while taking in the stunning views. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner featuring traditional Shanghainese cuisine, with beer and wine included. After dinner cruise on Huangpu River – The Huangpu River flows through the centre of Shanghai and separates the city into Pudong, meaning 'east of the Huangpu' and Puxi, 'west of the Huangpu'. (D)

DAY 3 | 15 MARCH 2027

SHANGHAI

Today enjoy a full-day tour of Shanghai and visit the Pudong, Century Park, Xintiandi, and the Shanghai Ocean Aquarium, which includes a 168-meter tunnel that takes visitors through a coastal reef, open ocean, a kelp cave, shark cove, and a coral reef, and is one of the longest such tunnels in the world. Evening at own leisure. (B,L)

DAY 4 | 16 MARCH 2027

SHANGHAI

Today's explorations include the peaceful Yu Garden and the atmospheric alleys of the old town. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund and visit a fascinating silk factory. After lunch at local restaurant, visit the Oriental Pearl Tower, which is a futurist TV tower in Lujiazui, Shanghai. Evening at own leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5 | 17 MARCH 2027

SHANGHAI – YICHANG (EMBARK YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE)

Stay: Victoria Isabella or similar - 4 nights*

After breakfast transfer to Shanghai airport for flight to Yichang. Upon arrival at Yichang, transfer to the docks, located near the Three Gorges Dam to board the ship and check in to your cabin for the next 4 nights. The Yangtze River is one of the world's great and legendary waterways, this 6,300km river has its origins high up in the snow-covered mountain of Tanggula, in the southwestern Qinghai Tibet Plateau, and runs into the ocean in Shanghai. It is estimated that the banks of this river are home to almost a third of China's population. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | 18 MARCH 2027

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Today visit the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest hydroelectric dam, and marvel at this incredible feat of engineering. Explore a small museum and a lookout point for further insight into its construction and impact on the region. Return to the ship and cruise through Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest of the Three Gorges. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | 19 MARCH 2027

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Today transfer to smaller vessels for a relaxing excursion through the Shennong Stream gorges. Though narrower than the Three Gorges, these dramatic waterways offer equally impressive scenery. Later, as the cruise ship continues upstream, prepare for breathtaking vistas as you pass through Wu and Qutang gorges. Depending on local river conditions, you may travel along the gorges of Goddess Stream instead of Shennong Stream. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | 20 MARCH 2027

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Continue cruising along the mighty Yangtze River. Relax onboard or disembark to explore the Xiaoguanshan Folk Culture Park, a reconstructed park featuring ancestral homes, the historic Tianfo Temple, and Huichuan Gate, all rescued from the submerged areas of the Three Gorges Dam. Depending on local river conditions and the cruise programme, you may visit Shibaozhai or Mt Shuanggui instead. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 | 21 MARCH 2027

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE – CHONGQING – XI'AN

Stay: Hilton Garden Inn Xi'an Bell Tower (Superior room) or similar-2 nights*

Check out of your cabin this morning and disembark in Chongqing. Transfer to station for the bullet train to Xi'an. Upon arrival at Xi'an transfer to hotel for check in. This evening, dine on delicious Shui Jiao dumplings and watch a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing. The Tang Dynasty dancing show is an exciting exponent of this prosperous society and keeps alive the splendour of this period. (B,D)

DAY 10 | 22 MARCH 2027

XI'AN

Today visit the Museum of the Terracotta Warriors and Horses. Within the museum area the warriors can be seen in three different 'pits', which are active archaeological digs. After this, visit the Xi'an Art Ceramics and Lacquer Exhibition Workshop to see smaller models of the warriors being made. The Small or Little Wild Goose Pagoda is one of two significant Buddhist pagodas in Xi'an, Shaanxi, China, the site of the old Han and Tang capital Chang'an. The other notable pagoda is the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda, originally built in 652 and restored in 704. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 | 23 MARCH 2027

XI'AN – BEIJING

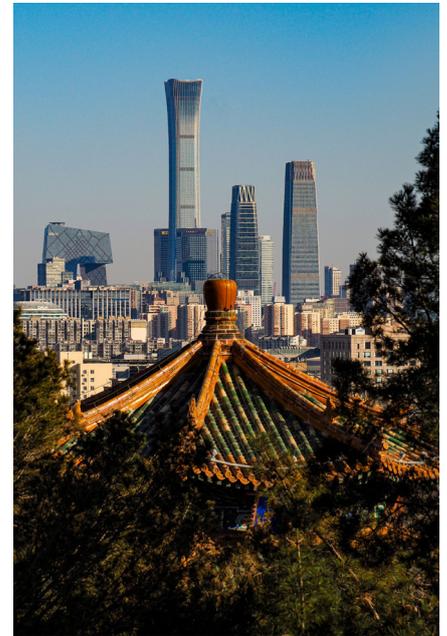
Stay: Sunworld Dynasty Hotel Beijing (Superior Room) or similar- 4 nights*

After breakfast explore the Muslim Quarter the hub of Xi'an's Islamic community and is home to many stalls selling a myriad of snack foods, a trove of silks and fabrics, and delightful oriental knickknacks. Then transfer to Xi'an Station for the bullet train to Beijing. Upon arrival at Beijing station transfer to hotel. (B,L)

DAY 12 | 24 MARCH 2027

BEIJING

Today spend the day exploring Beijing. Walk through Tiananmen Square one of the largest public squares in the world and into the magnificent Forbidden City a vast complex of over 900 buildings which covers an area of 180 acres. Next, visit Yandaixiejie, and have free time to explore the surrounding Hutongs, and stop at a local family home for a cultural exchange experience. (B,L)



DAY 13 | 25 MARCH 2027

BEIJING

Today visit the Temple of Heaven, one of the most perfect examples of Ming architecture, created as a place of worship for the emperors, who would ask for prosperity, longevity and good harvest for the people. Partake in a Tea ceremony including wearing traditional costumes. This evening, enjoy a captivating Chinese Acrobatics Show. (B,L)

DAY 14 | 26 MARCH 2027

BEIJING

Rise early this morning and drive around 2-hours northwest of the city to the Juyongguan Pass. Learn about the Great Wall's unique history, then explore the Great Wall at your own pace. Later, visit a jade factory before taking a stroll through the exquisite Summer Palace – The former holiday retreat of the Qing Emperors, and is a stunning example of Chinese garden style. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner of Peking duck at a local restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 15 | 27 MARCH 2027

DEPART BEIJING

After breakfast, check out the hotel and transfer to airport to begin your journey home. (B)

DAY 16 | 28 MARCH 2027

AUSTRALIA ARRIVAL

*or similar accommodation



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