








# CHINA: FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN

12 or 14 days | Beijing | Mutianyu | Xi'an | Guilin | Yangshuo | Shanghai | Suzhou | extension to Hong Kong

The modern capital Beijing—with its sprawling Summer Palace and the majestic Great Wall—is a worthy successor to the former capital Xi'an. That ancient city is home to the Terracotta Army and other monuments to ancient Chinese customs. In the south, Yangshuo's natural formations are equally as eye opening—where dramatic mountain peaks and cliffs are highlighted by the enchanting Moon Hill.

## EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (5 with extension); 3 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour
-  **Entrances:** Summer Palace; Forbidden City; Tiananmen Square; Great Wall of China; Temple of Heaven Park; Terracotta Warriors; Calligraphy class; World Financial Center; Jade Buddha Temple; Yu Yuan Garden; Master of the Nets Garden; *with extension:* Star Ferry ride; Peak Tram
-  **Experiential learning:** Tai chi lesson; school visit; tea ceremony; meal with Chinese family; bike ride on the Xi'an City Wall; *with extension:* dim sum tasting
-  **weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flights; 10 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (12 with extension); breakfast and dinner daily (1 dinner with extension)



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# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

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– MELISSA, TRAVELER



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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly overnight to China

#### Day 2: Beijing

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China.

#### Day 3: Beijing

- Take an expert-led tour of Beijing.
- Visit the Summer Palace.
- Take a dragon boat ride (April-Oct.).
- Participate in a *tai chi* lesson.
- Visit the Forbidden City, whose grandeur is epitomized by the golden-roofed Imperial Palace.
- Visit Tiananmen Square, a site of worldwide cultural significance.
- Enjoy an authentic Peking duck dinner.

#### Day 4: Beijing

- Travel to Mutianyu.
- Take a tour of the Great Wall of China. Construction of this 3,000-mile man-made marvel, used to defend the Chinese Empire against northern invaders, began in the 3rd-century B.C.
- Participate in a tea ceremony.
- Take a guided walking tour of a Hutong neighborhood.
- Enjoy an authentic Chinese meal with Hutong families.

#### Day 5: Beijing | Xi'an

- Fly to Xi'an, where the massive wall surrounding the city is a testament to its importance: It has served as the capital of 11 dynasties.
- Take a bike ride on the ancient City Wall.
- Enjoy a free evening or
  - attend a Tang Dynasty show with dinner.

#### Day 6: Xi'an

- Take an expert-led tour of Xi'an.
- Visit the life-size sculptures known as the Terracotta Warriors, which were created to protect the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, founder of the Qin Dynasty. Of these 6,000 models, no two are alike.
- Participate in a calligraphy class.

#### Day 7: Guilin | Yangshuo

- Fly to Guilin.
- Travel to Yangshuo.
- Take a walking tour of West Street.

#### Day 8: Yangshuo

- Take an expert-led tour of Yangshuo.
- Take a Li River bamboo raft excursion.
- Climb Moon Hill.
- Enjoy a free evening or
  - participate in a dumpling cooking class.

#### Day 9: Shanghai

- Fly to Shanghai and discover a nexus point of ancient custom and modern technology.
- Visit the Shanghai World Financial Center.
- Visit the Bund. Once considered the “Wall Street of the East,” the Bund is a waterfront promenade offering a postcard-perfect view of Shanghai's famous skyline.

#### Day 10: Shanghai

- Take an expert-led tour of Shanghai.
- Visit the Jade Buddha Temple. Sculpted out of white jade, these Buddhas were brought from Burma by a Chinese monk in the last century. One portrays Buddha experiencing Enlightenment, the other his transcendence into Nirvana.
- Visit Yu Yuan Garden.
- See Nanjing Lu, or Nanjing Road.

#### Day 11: Suzhou | Shanghai

- Take a tour of Suzhou.
- Visit Master of the Nets Garden.
- Enjoy free time to visit museums.

#### Day 12: Depart for home

### • 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 12: Hong Kong

- Fly to Hong Kong.
- Watch “A Symphony of Lights” from the Avenue of Stars.
- Take a ride on the Star Ferry.

#### Day 13: Hong Kong

- Ride the half-mile-long Central-Mid Levels Escalators.
- Take an expertly guided tour of Hong Kong: Aberdeen; Repulse Bay.
- Take the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak.
- Enjoy a dim sum tasting.

#### Day 14: Depart for home



*Beijing, China Spring Break. Best trip ever and of course we did it big just like we do it in Texas! Awesome picture or what?*

– LUIS, TRAVELER



Via Instagram

*This tour was the highlight of my senior year! Going to all the different places (the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, the local language school, the Jade Buddha Temple, etc.) made me so much more aware of the world around me, and the difference between the cultures.*

– RACHEL, TRAVELER



Tour review

### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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