

## China Culinary Tour

**Destinations:** Beijing, Qufu, Jinan, Shanghai Hangzhou, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin, Guangzhou, Hong Kong

**Tour Features:** This China Culinary tour will appeal to the discerning food lover with a taste for adventure! You will travel through many cities, each with its own food culture and cuisine. We have carefully designed our tour to include exclusive experiences that best capture the unique food and culinary traditions of each region. In addition to local cuisine tasting, you will learn the art of Chinese cooking at the best local cooking schools.



**Tour Code:** CCT-CTT02

**Tour Departure:** Flexible

\*The Land Only tour fares exclude China Domestic Airs

\*Recommendation of tipping is US\$5-6/Person a day covering drivers, local tour guides, luggage porters, maids and the national guide, etc.

### Inclusions:

- ✧ All the China domestic flights indicated in the itinerary with airport tax & fuel surcharges
- ✧ Private sightseeing tours including entry fees listed in the itinerary
- ✧ Private ground transportation and all the transfers listed in the itinerary
- ✧ 31 delightful meals including 12 western style buffet breakfast, 9 Chinese lunches & 10 Chinese dinners
- ✧ Four-star class hotel accommodations based on twin occupancy
- ✧ Special evening dinner banquets including Peking Duck in Beijing, Dumpling Banquet in Xian and Mongolian barbecue buffet in Shanghai
- ✧ Special evening entertainments including Peking Opera Show in Beijing, Tang Dynasty Musical Cultural Show in Xian and Acrobatic Performance in Shanghai
- ✧ Special cultural activities including the family visit during the Hutong tour, Olympic Venue visit in Beijing and Maglev bullet train in Shanghai
- ✧ Private and experienced English-speaking local tour guides in each city
- ✧ One bilingual national tour guide for groups over 10 people
- ✧ Luggage services throughout your entire China trip
- ✧ Daily two bottles of drinking water per person per each touring day (except the free day)
- ✧ The government tax and the city construction fee where applicable

### Itinerary

#### Day 1: Arrive in Beijing

Depart on your flight bound for Beijing, the capital of People's Republic of China. Upon your arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

### **Day 2: Beijing**

Full-day tour will begin at the magnificent **Forbidden City**, home to emperors for over 500-years, you will get the chance to stroll through Tiananmen Square, which is the largest square in the world. Continue to witness the splendor of the Summer Palace, built as a royal garden for Qing Dynasty Emperors. After dinner we will visit the local night food-market at Wangfujing.



***Cuisine Highlight: Peking duck Banquet***

### **Day 3: Beijing**

A full-day tour will take in the grandeur of the Eighth Wonder of the World, the Great Wall, built more than 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. On the way back to Beijing stop and visit the sacred Ming Tombs, where 13 emperors of Ming Dynasty were buried.

***Cuisine Highlight: Peking hotpot***

### **Day 4: Beijing**

After an interesting morning tour to admire the beauty of the Temple of Heaven where the Chinese emperors prayed for good harvest in ancient days, you will proceed to the local cooking school for the Chinese cooking class.

***Cuisine Highlight: Imperial Cuisine***

### **Day 5: Beijing / Qufu**

Today you will board the soft-seat train to Qufu, the hometown of Confucius (551-479 B.C.), Arrival and check in the hotel.

### **Day 6: Qufu**

Enjoy a full day visit to the **Temple of Confucius**, Confucius Mansion and Forest of Confucius. Confucian Temple, the former residence of Confucius, is the place for ancient emperors to offer sacrificial services to Confucius. Now the Confucian temple, mansion and Forest of Confucius are on the UNESCO'S list of world cultural heritage sites.



### ***Cuisine Highlight: Qufu Family Banquet***

#### **Day 7: Qufu / Jinan / Shanghai**

Fly to Shanghai via Jinan, Shanghai is known as the biggest city and commercial heart of People's Republic of China. Enjoy a wonderful tour to Yu Garden, **Bund** area, former French Concession area, Nanjing Road, known as the No. 1 Shopping Paradise in China.

### ***Cuisine Highlight: Shanghai Cuisine***

#### **Day 8: Shanghai / Hangzhou**

Drive to Hangzhou today where is known as the Oriental Pearl, the afternoon cooking class is conducted by the local chef specialized in Hangzhou cuisine.

### ***Cuisine Highlight: Hangzhou Cuisine***

#### **Day 9: Hangzhou / Xian**

Enjoy the overwhelming scenery by taking a pleasant boat ride on the most famous West Lake. Continue to see the Huagang Park before being transferred to the airport and fly onto Xian. Arrival and transferred to your hotel.

#### **Day 10: Xian**

A full day excursion to the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang guarded by the famous Terracotta Army, 7000 life-size clay statues each individually crafted, complete with chariots and horses. Then go to Huaqing Hot Spring. On the way back to Xian, visit 6000-year-old Neolithic village remain in Banpo Museum.

### ***Cuisine Highlight: Dumpling Banquet***

#### **Day 11: Xian / Chengdu**

After a city tour to 600-year-old Ming Dynasty City Wall and majestic Wild Goose Pagoda, you will fly to Chengdu and check in your hotel.

#### **Day 12: Chengdu**

Full-day tour brings you to the ancient irrigation system at Dujiangyan and Giant Panda Breeding & Research Centre. The Dujiangyan Irrigation system is a miracle of ancient Chinese ingenuity. The Giant Panda base created a perfect ecological environment for the living and breeding of pandas and other precious and rare wild animals.



### ***Cuisine Highlight: Sichuan Cuisine***

#### **Day 13: Chengdu / Guilin**

In this morning, you will be transferred to the airport and fly to the most scenic city of Guilin, arrival and followed by an afternoon tour to Reed Flute Cave. Reed Flute Cave got its name because people believed that the reed by the cave's *mouth could be made into flutes*. *Check into the local hotel tonight.*

#### **Day 14: Guilin**

Experience a leisure cruise tour along the scenic **Li River**, and then visit the local villages by bike. Check into the local hotel tonight. Li River is the soul of Guilin scenery. It is the river of poems and paintings. The region covers 83-km karst area with clear, exotic, ingenious and changing characteristics.

### ***Cuisine Highlight: Guilin Beer-brewed Fish***

#### **Day 15: Guilin / Guangzhou**

Fly to Guangzhou today, after a city tour to the major attractions, you will check in the hotel.

*Cuisine Highlight: Cantonese Dim Sum Banquet*

#### **Day 16: Guangzhou / Hong Kong**

Board the soft-seat train to Hong Kong, arrival and check in the hotel. In this afternoon, you will attend a cooking class at one of the most well-known local cooking school.

### ***Cuisine Highlight: Farewell Dinner at Jumbo Seafood Restaurant***

#### **Day 17: Depart**

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your homeward flight.

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