

China Panda Tour

Destinations: Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Wolong, Guilin, Shanghai

Tour Features: The China panda tour provides a rare opportunity to visit the Panda Reserves and meet those individuals with the task of saving the unique animals from distinction. You will spend two full days volunteering at the Wolong Giant Panda Research Base and visit the Breeding Center in Chengdu. In addition, you will visit the major tourist sites in Beijing, Xian, Guilin and Shanghai.



Tour Code: CCT-CTT05

Tour Departure: Flexible

*The Land Only tour fares exclude China Domestic Airls

*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 (B, L)

In the morning, you will visit the magnificent Forbidden City, home to emperors for over 500-years, you will also get the chance to stroll through Tiananmen Square, which is the largest square in the world. In the afternoon, you will take the traditional rickshaw ride through the local Hutongs neighborhood. Hutongs is a unique form of community that exists only in China.



Day 3: Beijing (B, L)

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

Day 4: Beijing / Xian (B, L)

In this morning, you will admire the beauty of Summer Palace, built as a royal garden for Qing Dynasty Emperors. Continue to visit the Temple of Heaven, where the Chinese emperors prayed for good harvest in ancient days. Then you will be transferred to the airport and fly to Xian. Arrival and check in your hotel.

Day 5: Xian (B, L)

Today you will visit the famous Terra Cotta Warriors & Horses Museum. After lunch drive back to the city and visit the Bell Tower in the very heart of Xian City. Following is the Great Mosque at the Muslim square. This Mosque is only one in China that perfectly combines the Muslim customs and Chinese culture, and features like a unique garden.

Day 6: Xian / Chengdu (B, L)

Today you will enjoy a leisure stroll on the top of the Ancient City Wall, the best preserved in the world. Continue to visit the majestic Wild Goose Pagoda. In the afternoon, you will fly to Chengdu.



Day 7: Chengdu / Green Peak Canyon Ya'an (B, L)

This morning you will drive to Ya'an and pass the mountains that form the border of the Sichuan Basin and the Tibetan Plateau. Arrival and check in the local hotel. An interesting visit to the Giant

Panda Museum will be arranged which comprehensively and graphically illustrates all aspects of giant pandas and the natural resources of flora and fauna in this area.

Day 8: Green Peak Canyon Ya'an (B, L)

A full day is scheduled for the exciting Panda volunteer work experience!

Take a professional lecture delivered by the expert or one of the directors to get the rich knowledge of pandas. You will be assigned a master who is one of the keepers in this center. Put on a Special work uniform by which you can go into the garden freely at anytime you like. With the help and instructions of your master, you will be arranged to clean the cage, or feed the panda. You will work from 8:00 to 11:30 AM and from 2:00 to 5:30 PM.

Enjoy the other free time to take pictures and observe the lovely Giant Pandas. Certainly you will have the chance to go into the panda nursery to play with young pandas.

Kind note: The cost for taking photos and playing with pandas is at your own expense.

Day 9: Green Peak Canyon Ya'an / Chengdu / Guilin (B, L)

After saying goodbye to the Giant Pandas, you will return to Chengdu and visit the Chengdu Giant Panda Breeding Center located in the city. You will learn the latest information on their breeding efforts. In operation since 1990, the base currently houses about 20 pandas. You will have another opportunity to have your photo taken with pandas. In the late afternoon, you will fly to Guilin. Upon arrival, be met by the guide and check into the hotel.

Kind note: The cost for taking photos with pandas is at your own expense.

Day 10: Guilin (B, L)

Spend the day aboard a scenic Li River Cruise through the mist-shrouded limestone mountains, passing picturesque farms and fishing villages. Your cruise disembarks at the charming small Yangshuo Town. After a leisure stroll on the West Street, proceed to visit the Big Banyan Tree Park and the Moon Hill. After the tour, you will drive back to Guilin.

Day 11: Guilin (B, L)

The city tour features the Reed Flute Caves where spectacular stalactites and stalagmites and the mirror lake dazzle visitors, followed is the Elephant Trunk Hill.

Day 12: Guilin / Shanghai (B, L)

Fly to Shanghai today. Meet and transfer to your hotel. You will visit Yu Garden and the famous Bund. Yuyuan Garden



is a famous classical garden located in Anren Jie, Shanghai. Continue to visit the magnificent Shanghai History Museum. There are three major exhibition units reflecting Shanghai's history, modern and recent revolutionary history. And then you will visit the famous waterfront Bund, the historical street comparable to a Chinese Wall Street where tourists can get a taste of the Shanghai high-life.

Day 13: Shanghai (B)

Today is free for you to explore this city.

Day 14: Depart (B)

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your homeward flight and complete the most special China panda tour. Service ends.

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