

## China Village Tour

**Destinations:** Beijing, Xian, Kunming, Dali, Lijiang, Shanghai, Hangzhou

**Tour Features:** China Village tours will allow you a unique opportunity to experience rich and varied ethnic and cultural diversity of China. Along the way, we cross the modern farming village to the most primitive ones, from where you will be welcomed and immersed in the local cultures, getting to know Chinese village life in a way few outsiders ever experience.



**Tour Code:** CCT-CTT15

**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

Warm-up biking tour to the magnificent Forbidden City, home to emperors for over 500-years, you will also get the chance to stroll through Tiananmen Square. In the afternoon, you will take the traditional rickshaw ride through the local Hutong neighborhood.



### 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. Enjoy a spectacular Chinese Kongfu performance in the evening.

### Day 4: Beijing

Full-day tour to **Chuangdixia Village**, which is well known for 600 well-preserved Ming and Qing dynasty style houses housed by 70 families. You will visit the local families and enjoy a pleasant talk with local farmers, etc. Later in the afternoon, you will return Beijing.

### Day 5: Beijing / Xian

In this morning, you will admire the beauty of Summer Palace. Enjoy shopping in the Wangfujing Street. Transfer to airport for your flight to the ancient capital city of Xian. Arrival and transferred to your hotel.

### Day 6: Xian

A full-day tour will take you to the **Terra-Cotta Warriors**, and then travel to the Agricultural Development Zone where you will visit the modern farming villages and experience the local farmers' daily life. In the evening enjoy a dazzling Tang Dynasty Show and dinner.



### Day 7: Xian / Kunming

After a morning stroll on the 600-year-old City Wall and visit to the majestic Big Wild Goose Pagoda, you will be transferred to the airport and fly to the City of Eternal Spring, Kunming for its invigorating climate. Arrival and transferred to your hotel.

### Day 8: Kunming

Today, you travel to the incredible Stone Forest, 89 km from Kunming, known as The No. 1 Wonder under Heaven. On your way back, visit one of the **Bai Minority Nationality villages**, where you can appreciate the unique and authentic Chinese minority cultures. Then you will enjoy an interesting visit to the local biggest Bird & Flower market of the Old Kunming City.

### **Day 9: Kunming / Dali**

Fly to Dali in this morning, arrival and walk through the old Bai town of Dali. Also, you will see how the Bai Minority people tie dying cloth with wax and continue to visit a beautiful Bai Minority Fishing Village with its traditional style courtyards at Xizhou Town. In the afternoon, you will cruise on the beautiful Erhai Lake by a small fishing boat that enables you to enjoy the overwhelming sceneries around the lake. Check in the hotel tonight.

### **Day 10: Dali / Lijiang**

Today you travel by road to Lijiang and pass through many enchanting minority villages on the way. Arrival and check in the hotel. After dinner, you will take a pleasant walk around at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Naxi town Lijiang.

### **Day 11: Lijiang**

This morning visit the Naxi Village, Baisha Murals depicting Tibetan, Naxi and Han legends, and the 600-years-old Ten Thousand-Blossom Camellia Tree at the Yufeng Lama Village. In the evening, you will enjoy a unique Naxi Classical Musical Show.



### **Day 12: Lijiang / Shanghai**

After a leisure morning, you will board the flight to Shanghai, the biggest city of China. Arrival and transferred to your hotel. The afternoon tour brings you to visit the world famous waterfront - The Bund. It was once part of the foreign concessions and out-of-bounds to locals.

### **Day 13: Shanghai**

Today you will travel to the ancient town on water, Zhujiajiao. This ancient township was a commercial center during the Song (960-1279) and Yuan (1271-1368) Dynasties. Markets could be found along the riverside thanks to its convenient water transportation. The township became one of the largest commercial centers on the lower reaches of the Yangtze during the Ming and Qing Dynasties (1368-1911) and that explains why there are so many buildings in the style of both eras. Then you will drive back to Shanghai and continue to explore the magnificent Nanjing Road for your free time shopping. After dinner, proceed for a city tour to Pudong New District - Shanghai's main financial district and enjoy a scenic night cruise on Huangpu River.

### **Day 14: Shanghai / Hangzhou**

In the morning, you will drive to Hangzhou known to Chinese as the Pearl of China, on the way, you will stop at the famous Wuzhen Watertown, which is located in Tongxiang City, Zhejiang Province and has a history of more than 1,000 years. Arrival and check in the hotel.



### **Day 15: Hangzhou / Shanghai**

Relax on a wonderful cruise of China's most famous Lake, West Lake, and then visit the Six Harmonies Pagoda. **Six Harmonies Pagoda**, highly erected by the Qiantang River and to the south of the West Lake, is a perfect symbol of brick-and-wood structure built in the ancient China. Later in the afternoon, you will return Shanghai.

### **Day 16: Depart**

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

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