

## China and Tibet Tour

**Destinations:** Beijing, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chengdu, Guilin, Guangzhou, Hong Kong

**Tour Features:** Spend 15 days in China visiting 7 of the country's most important historical spots. Begin in Beijing and Xi'an, the modern and ancient capitals of China; see the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Terra-cotta Warriors, etc. before traveling to Tibet's capital city for a look at Buddhism's most cherished sites-the Potala Palace, Jokhang Temple and Drepung Monastery. Travel on to picturesque Guilin with its peaked limestone mountains and fantastic caves. Finish up in Hong Kong with a day to explore, shop and sight-see.



**Tour Code:** CCT-TAT04S

**Tour Class:** Standard

**Tour Departure:** Flexible

### Inclusion & Exclusion

#### Tour map

**Tour Price:** From 2,817 USD

Off Season	Quotation	Single Supplement
10 Person or up	USD2,817/Person	USD635/Person
6-9 Person	USD2,827/Person	USD755/Person
2-5 Person	USD3,285/Person	USD755/Person

Shoulder Season	Quotation	Single Supplement
10 Person or up	USD2,982/Person	USD755/Person
6-9 Person	USD2,969/Person	USD860/Person
2-5 Person	USD3,427/Person	USD860/Person

Peak Season	Quotation	Single Supplement
10 Person or up	USD3,095/Person	USD860/Person
6-9 Person	USD3,080/Person	USD955/Person
2-5 Person	USD3,546/Person	USD955/Person

## Itinerary

### Day 01 Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. You are greeted by your guide at the airport and transferred to the first-class Beijing Holiday Inn Downtown Hotel.

### Day 02 Beijing (B, L, D)

The highlight today is a visit to the **Great Wall**, a symbol of the Chinese ancient civilization and to the Ming Tombs, the burial grounds for the 13 Ming Dynasty emperors. Today you will enjoy the sumptuous Chinese cuisine at local famous restaurant.

### Day 03 Beijing (B, L)

Morning program takes you to Tian An Men Square and the Forbidden City, the residence of emperors for more than 500 years. Lunch is arranged our carefully-selected restaurant. Afternoon sightseeing features the Temple of Heaven, where emperors once prayed for good harvests.



### Day 04 Beijing (B, L)

After breakfast, drive to visit the Summer Palace, a summer resort for Empress Dowager Ci Xi. After that, you will explore the 'Hutong'(residential area) in a pedicab or rickshaw and have a glimpse of traditional Beijing life. Today you will enjoy one of the famous cuisines in China, Huaiyang cuisine for lunch.

### Day 05 Beijing / Xian (B, L)

Fly to Xian in the morning. Check into the first-class Aurum International Hotel. After a typical Chinese cuisine lunch, you will visit the majestic Wild Goose Pagoda and the Ancient City Wall. Then visit the Shaanxi Provincial History Museum, a massive modern museum up to the national standard, which is located in the south outskirts of Xi'an city.

### Day 06 Xian (B, L)

A full day tour recalls the glories of ancient Xian as you visit the burial site of an incredible army of 8000 lifelike **Terra-cotta soldiers** and the ancient Banpo Village. Lunch is arranged local popular restaurant.

### Day 07 Xian / Lhasa (B, L)

Fly to the holy city of Lhasa, capital of the mystical Buddhist Kingdom of Tibet. Locked away in its mountain fortress of the Himalayas, Tibet has had a unique hold on the imagination of the West. You are greeted by tour guide at the airport and transferred to your first-class Tibet Hotel. The rest of the day will be at leisure for you to relax and adjust to the high altitude.

### Day 08 Lhasa (B, L)

Tour starts from the religious **Potala Palace** built in the 7th century by the famous Tibetan king-Songtzen Gampo. After having a Tibet-style lunch, you will visit Jokhang Temple, situated in the old section of Lhasa. King Songtzen Gampo built this temple in the mid-7th century A.D. Now it is the most sacred place in Tibet. Then continue to visit Tibet Museum.



### Day 09 Lhasa (B, L)

Full day sightseeing takes you to Drepung Monastery. "Drepung" in Tibetan means "the hill of rice", because this white Monastery looks like a big hill of rice. This monastery occupies an area of 150,000 square meters with 7700 lamas and becomes the largest monastery in Asia. After that, you will visit Norbulingka Park. In 1752, the 7th Dalai Lama built the first palace here for successive Dalai Lamas to carry out their political and religious activities during the summer season. Today Norbulingka has become a public park for picnicking, relaxing and entertainment. Continue to visit Sera Monastery. Sera means "Hailstone" in Tibetan, and legend tells that it hailed during the foundation of this famous monastery.

### Day 10 Lhasa / Chengdu (B, L)

After breakfast drive to the airport and fly to Chengdu. Check into the first-class Jinyu Sunshine Hotel upon arrival. Continue to visit the panda center in the afternoon.

### Day 11 Chengdu / Guilin (B, L)

Fly to the mystical city of Guilin in the morning. With its thousands of limestone outcroppings, Guilin has inspired generations of silk scroll painters. Check into the first-class Guihu Park Hotel. After lunch, visit Elephant Trunk Hill, a fantastically shaped hill in the shape of an elephant extending its trunk into the river. Then visit Folded Brocade Hill.



### Day 12 Guilin (B, L)

Spend the day aboard a scenic **Li River** Cruise through the mist-shrouded limestone mountains, passing picturesque farms and fishing villages. In the afternoon, you will see the limestone Reed Flute Cave where spectacular stalactites and stalagmites and the mirror lake dazzle visitors.

### Day 13 Guilin / Guangzhou / Hong Kong (B, L)

After breakfast in the hotel, you will fly to Guangzhou. Upon arrival, visit the **Chan Family Temple** and Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall. In the afternoon, board express train to *Hong Kong*. Upon arrive in Hong Kong, meet and transfer to the four-star Royal Pacific Hotel Hong Kong.

### **Day 14 Hong Kong (B)**

Today you will explore to Hong Kong Island on your own. Hong Kong is an easy city to explore on foot. If it weren't for the harbor, you could walk everywhere--Tsim Sha Tsui, Yau Ma Tei, the Central District, Wan Chai, and Causeway Bay.

### **Day 15 Hong Kong (B)**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your departure flight.

### **Remarks:**

#### 1. Seasonality

Shoulder season: March 15-31, April, May, June, July, August, October, 2010

Peak season: July, August, September, 2010

2. Above prices are not valid during Spring Festival and National Holiday (1-7 October). Please contact us if your equerries fall into the above periods.

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