

J Yang Tours Customized Group Travel Specialist to Asia

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The China Experience

Duration: 7 nights/8 days

We visit: Beijing, Shanghai, Zhujiajiao Watertown

Highlights of China for the traveler with restricted time but who seeks to make the most of every minute. You'll experience the best of China's two great cities-Beijing, the country's capital for over 700 years, and Shanghai, its glittering commercial center. Walk along the Great Wall and the Shanghai Bund, visit the fascinating Shanghai Museum, see Tiananmen Square, explore the splendors of the Forbidden City, wander through the grounds of the Summer Palace, and enjoy a Peking Duck dinner.

Highlights:

- Beijing - Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Hutong District, the Great Wall, Peking Duck Dinner, the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven
- Shanghai - the Bund, Yu Garden and market, Huangpu River Cruise, acrobatic show, Shanghai World Financial Center Observatory; Excursion to one of ancient water towns Zhujiajiao

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 **Arrive Beijing**

Transfer to your hotel.

Day 2 **Beijing**

After breakfast you will visit Tiananmen Square, look across the vast space to the Great Hall of the People and stand before the massive Tiananmen (Heavenly Peace) Gate bearing a huge portrait of Mao Zedong, who stood here to proclaim the People's Republic on 1 October 1949. Lying behind is the Forbidden City, as the former imperial palace is called, where the magnificent marble courtyards, huge halls, gilded temples and ornate pavilions the residence of the emperors and their families are now open to your wonderment.

After lunch there will be a rickshaw tour of Beijing's old Hutong district, a fascinating maze of narrow alleys, old houses and hidden courtyards, dating from Yuan Dynasty times (14th century), where people who live and work here welcome you into their homes. This evening a traditional Peking Duck dinner completes a very special day. (B/L/D)

Day 3 **Beijing**

You will be taken north today to pace the ramparts of China's famed Great Wall, originally constructed over 2000 years ago to keep northern invaders at bay. (B/L)

Day 4 **Beijing**

Today you will visit the Temple of Heaven, where the emperors, for the good of the empire, carried out the most important sacrifices and ceremonies of the year. Set in a huge park planted with conifers, the beautiful blue-tiled buildings here represent the epitome of Ming architecture.

Finally you will visit the Summer Palace, the famed pleasure garden of Qing emperors, originally constructed by the emperor Qianlong to celebrate his mother's 60th birthday in 1751 and later

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the favorite retreat of the dowager empress Cixi until her death in 1908. Languid willows and painted pavilions surround a scenic lake, across which are enchanting views to the pagoda-capped Jade Spring Hill and the mountains beyond. (B/L)

Day 5 **Beijing-Shanghai**

You transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai, transferring to your hotel on arrival.

Dominating the Yangtze Delta, Shanghai is the pulsating, commercial heart of China. Walk along the famous Bund past the facades of the colonial buildings lining the Huangpu River and look across to the soaring TV tower and fantastic skyscrapers of the Pudong district on the opposite side. After lunch you will visit the beautifully maintained Yu Garden, an outstanding example of a classical garden dating from the 16th century, and explore the bustling market area which now surrounds it. Later you cruise across the Huangpu River to ascend the Shanghai World Financial Center Observatory, one of the world's tallest buildings, for an astonishing view over the whole city.

This evening you will be entertained by one of Shanghai's famous acrobatic troupes. (B/L)

Day 6 **Zhujiajiao**

Located in a suburb of Shanghai city, Zhujiajiao is an ancient water town well-known throughout the country, with a history of more than 1700 years. Unique old bridges across bubbling streams, small rivers shaded by willow trees, and houses with courtyards attached all transport people who have been living amidst the bustle and hustle of the modern big city to a brand-new world full of antiquity, leisure and tranquility. (B/L)

Day 7 **Shanghai**

Today is at your leisure to explore more of this developing city on your own. There are many more things to see for those with time to spare. (B)

Day 8 **Depart Shanghai**

After breakfast, you transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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Superior Hotels ****

Price (per person)	Twin	Single
September - October 12	\$1870	\$2530
November 12	\$1725	\$2295
December 12	\$1595	\$2070
January - February 13	\$1595	\$2070

Luxury Hotels *****

Price (per person)	Twin	Single
September - October 12	\$2380	\$3510
November 12	\$2199	\$3205
December 12	\$1995	\$2845
January - February 13	\$1995	\$2845

The prices of above tour are based on the basis of a minimum of 2 persons traveling together
For 6 or more travelers or customize this itinerary, please contact us

Inclusions:

Flights-Internal flights and regional flights are included (refer to individual itineraries for included cities).

Accommodations- We use centrally located 4-5 star hotels. In the more remote areas we use the best available hotels.

The hotels we use are a combination of the premier properties and boutique hotels. In each city our hotels are centrally located to ensure you can step out of your hotel door and absorb the atmosphere of the local destination.

Sightseeing- sightseeing is included at every destination to ensure you make the most of your time in each region; there are no "surprise" additional cost tours.

On most tours we also include flexible options, enabling you to tailor your holiday to your personal desires. In each destination we use local English speaking guides who provide information on the history, culture, geography and modern way of life.

Each day whilst sightseeing bottled water is provided.

Dining- Feature dinners with regional entertainment are included on most tours, enabling you to absorb the local culture.

Bottled or purified water accompanies all meals and is provided to you each day whilst sightseeing.

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