



ANCIENT CHINA PANORAMA

13 DAYS - BEIJING » DATONG » PINGYAO » XI'AN » LUOYANG » SHAOLIN » SHANGHAI

Go through the most important ancient capitals in China's history, where you can take in the spiritual side of China. From the Great Wall in Beijing to the unforgettable Hanging Monastery in Datong, wander the delightful Pingyao Ancient City. Marvel at the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, visit the spectacle of Longmen Cave in Luoyang, and experience China's famous Kung Fu martial art at its birthplace of Shaolin Temple. Finally spend days in dynamic Shanghai – a city where the old and new China meet head on.

Day 1 - 2 Arrive Beijing

Arrive in Beijing and be transferred to your hotel. The next day starts with a visit to the Temple of Heaven, where you will see local people practising Tai Chi, singing and calligraphy in the neighbouring park. Then take a leisurely walk through Tiananmen Square to the Forbidden City, enjoy the panoramic view of the Forbidden City from Jingshan Hill. Sample Peking Duck Dinner before a fantastic Kung Fu show. (1B/1D)

Day 3 - 4 Beijing

Take a photo stop at the 2008 Olympic Site to see the Bird's Nest National Stadium and Water Cube Aquatic Center before walk on the Great Wall at Mutianyu section, explore the alleyways - "Hutong" by riding on a traditional rickshaw to catch close-up glimpses of local life, and then head off to the Summer Palace - a former imperial summer resort. (2B/2D)

Day 5 - 7 Datong / Pingyao

Take a morning train ride to the ancient city of Datong. Visit Yungang Caves, where to see amazing Buddhist carving craftsmanship, from thumb-sized figurines to a 17m Buddhist statues, and then visit the 1,500 year old Hanging Monastery with its halls and pavilions built along the natural contours of the cliff. Spend a day at World Heritage listed ancient town of Pingyao - where to see the city surrounded by Ming city walls. You will find yourself flung back in time as your eyes behold the Ming Dynasty fortress, watchtowers, castiron, intimidating woodengates and sturdy walls. Pingyao was China's banking centre and has many mansions, courtyard houses, temples, museums and historic shops. Stroll from Ming Qing street to Town Tower, Armed Escort Company Museum and the Temple of the City God. Visit Qiao Family Courtyard House, where the movie "Raise the Red Lantern" was filmed. take an overnight soft sleeper train to Xi'an. (3B/3D)

Day 8 - 9 Xi'an

Morning arrive Xi'an, transferred to your hotel, afternoon stroll on the original City Wall, where you have opportunity to cycle on this ancient wall, and then explore the Old Muslim Quarter and Old Mosque. Tonight enjoy a local speciality - dumpling dinner before the fabulous Tang Dynasty culture show. The next day, visit the historical significance of the amazing Terracotta Warriors to see 7000

individually crafted clay soldiers stand on guard. Then continue to the Big Wild Goose pagoda built to house Buddhist scriptures collected by a Chinese Monk, before an train ride to Luoyang. (2B/2D)

Day 10 - 11 Luoyang / Shaolin

Admire the spectacular World Heritage-listed Longmen Grottoes, comprising more than 2,100 caves and 100,000 Buddhist statues. Then take a visit to the White Horse Temple, China's first place of Buddhist worship, wander through the narrow streets and laneways of Luoyang to see ancient houses and markets, sample a local speciality dinner. The next morning drive to the legendary Shaolin Temple, which is the birthplace of China's famous martial arts – Kung Fu. You can witness thousands of monks and students practicing Kung Fu and watch a Kung Fu demonstration by some of the most gifted students before being transferred to Zhengzhou Airport for the flight to Shanghai. (2B/2D)

Day 12 - 13 Shanghai

Morning stroll along the historic riverfront Bund, where you see 52 magnificent colonial buildings and the contrasting view of "old & modern" Shanghai along the Huangpu River. Then take an under river cable car from Bund to Pudong New Areas, reach the top of Jin Mao Building, one of world's tallest building to enjoy a panoramic view of Shanghai. Head down to Yu Garden, an exquisite Ming Dynasty style Garden, and wander through the Old Quarter and neighbouring Yu Bazaar. Sample local special dinner before a fantastic Acrobatic show. The next day, experience one of world's highest speed train – Maglev train to the international airport. (2B/1D)



Enjoy your trip by private car & with personal guide!

Trip Grading: Easy to Moderate

Suitable for travellers with an average level of fitness and good mobility. A fair amount of walking is expected. 1 soft sleeper overnight train, 2 daytime soft seater train and 1 flight.

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Departures everyday

- * Standard package price from \$2940 p.p.
- * Superior package price from \$3250 p.p.
- * Deluxe package price on request.

(Prices are for per person, twin share in low season)

Ask for an air-inclusive quote!

Inclusions: • 11 nights selected hotel accommodation
• Professional English speaking guides • 1 overnight soft sleeper train • 1 internal flights • Arrival/departure meeting and assistance • All transfers in A/C vehicle, • Listed meals: B = Breakfast | L = Lunch | D = Dinner • Sightseeing, entrance fees and evening shows

Exclusions: • International airfare • Travel insurance, Personal expenses • China visa • Gratuity & tips