Itinerary

10 Day Luxury China & Terracotta Warriors w/ Flights

***IMPORTANT NOTE: Any extra nights, optional tours or other amendments, will not be visible on this itinerary.**

Day 1: Australia ~ Beijing, China

Today you depart Australia for China. Upon arrival at Beijing Capital International Airport, you'll be met and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to rest after your flight, adjust to the new environment, or explore the local area at your own pace.

NOTE: Depending on airline schedules, you may be required to depart on Day 0.

MEALS: In Flight

OVERNIGHT: Pullman Beijing South or similar

Day 2: Beijing ~ Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City

After breakfast, meet your guide and begin the day at Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public spaces in the world and steeped in history. From here, enter the awe-inspiring Forbidden City, home to Chinese emperors from the Ming dynasty (1420) to the end of the Qing dynasty in 1912. Explore its vast courtyards, ceremonial halls, and rich imperial legacy.

This evening, enjoy a welcome banquet featuring the famous local delicacy – Peking Duck – a delicious and traditional way to begin your journey in China.

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

OVERNIGHT: Pullman Beijing South or similar

Day 3: The Great Wall of China

Today, prepare to explore one of the world's most iconic landmarks – the Great Wall of China. While the earliest sections date back over two thousand years, the majority of the structure you'll see today was built between the 14th and 17th centuries during the Ming dynasty. You'll visit the Juyong Pass, one of the most picturesque and historically significant sections of the wall. Set amidst dramatic mountain scenery, the views from the wall are breathtaking, and a walk along its ancient stones is an unforgettable experience.

En route, stop at one of Asia's largest jade exhibitions, where you'll learn about the history and cultural significance of jade, one of China's most treasured gemstones.

In the afternoon, continue to the Summer Palace, a vast imperial retreat covering over 716 acres, with landscaped gardens, elegant pavilions, and the man-made Kunming Lake. Originally developed in 1153 and expanded in 1750, this UNESCO World Heritage site was a favourite getaway for Qing dynasty emperors and empresses seeking tranquillity outside the city.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Pullman Beijing South or similar

Day 4: Beijing ~ Temple of Heaven

This morning, visit the magnificent Temple of Heaven, a spiritual complex once used by emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies to pray for good harvests. With its striking architecture and tranquil grounds, it remains a deeply symbolic cultural site.

Afterwards, visit a traditional Chinese medicine clinic, where you'll gain insight into ancient healing practices. Learn about herbal remedies and enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage, a customary form of relaxation and wellness in Chinese culture.

The afternoon is free at your leisure. You may wish to explore Wangfujing, Beijing's premier shopping street, known for its lively atmosphere, boutique stores, and street food stalls.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Pullman Beijing South or similar

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Hutong Rickshaw Ride with Homemade Lunch

Discover the charm of Beijing's historic Hutongs with a rickshaw ride through these narrow lanes lined with traditional courtyard residences. Enjoy a homemade lunch with a local family and get a glimpse into traditional life in old Beijing.

Day 5: Beijing ~ Xi'an

This morning, board a high-speed train to Xi'an, a journey of approximately five hours through China's scenic countryside. Sit back, relax, and enjoy views of rural landscapes as you travel to one of China's most historically rich cities.

Upon arrival in Xi'an, explore the lively Muslim Quarter, known for its vibrant street life, diverse food offerings, and unique blend of Chinese and Islamic culture. Wander through bustling alleyways lined with stalls selling everything from handmade dumplings to traditional sweets.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Titan Times Hotel or similar

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Tang Dynasty Music & Dance Show with Dumpling Banquet

Enjoy an evening of cultural entertainment with a dazzling Tang Dynasty performance, featuring traditional music, dance, and costumes from one of China's most prosperous eras. The show is paired with a delicious dumpling banquet, offering a variety of locally inspired flavours.

Day 6: Xi'an ~ Terracotta Warriors

Today begins with a visit to the awe-inspiring Terracotta Warriors, one of the world's greatest archaeological discoveries and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Discovered in 1974, this vast underground army of life-sized clay soldiers was built to guard the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, and stands as a powerful testament to ancient Chinese craftsmanship and military history.

Afterwards, visit a terracotta workshop, where you can see how replicas of these iconic figures are made and gain further insight into the artistry behind the original army.

Continue your cultural exploration with a visit to the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, a beautifully preserved Buddhist structure dating back to the Tang Dynasty, set within tranquil gardens in the heart of Xi'an.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Titan Times Hotel or similar

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Datang Everbright City Night Tour with Dinner

Spend the evening at Datang Everbright City, a lively pedestrian zone located at the foot of the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda. Enjoy a local dinner while taking in dazzling light shows, street performances, and immersive Tang Dynasty-themed experiences.

Day 7: Xi'an ~ Shanghai

This morning, transfer to the train station and board a high-speed train to Shanghai — a journey of approximately six hours through China's ever-changing landscapes. Experience the efficiency and comfort of the country's impressive rail network as you travel to China's modern metropolis.

Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy some time to relax, or step outside for a leisurely walk to explore your local surroundings and get your first taste of Shanghai's dynamic energy.

MEALS: Breakfast

OVERNIGHT: Handwritten Collection Shanghai Hongqiao or similar

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

ERA: Intersection of Time Acrobatic Show

In the evening, you may choose to attend the spectacular ERA: Intersection of Time, a world-class acrobatic show that fuses traditional Chinese performance arts with stunning special effects and modern technology. A thrilling and unforgettable experience!

Day 8: Shanghai

Today, explore Shanghai’s most iconic landmarks with your guide. Begin at The Bund, a historic riverside promenade lined with grand colonial-era buildings and panoramic views of the futuristic Pudong skyline. Continue to Nanjing Road, the city's busiest shopping street, bustling with energy and modern flair. Then stroll through Xintiandi, a charming district known for its preserved Shikumen (stone-gate houses), blending traditional Shanghainese architecture with contemporary lifestyle and culture.

MEALS: Breakfast, Lunch

OVERNIGHT: Handwritten Collection Shanghai Hongqiao or similar

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS:

Shanghai Museum Bronze Collection Tour

Take a guided deep-dive into China’s ancient craftsmanship through the museum’s world-renowned bronze collection, with exhibits dating back thousands of years.

Huangpu River Night Cruise

Cap off your evening with a scenic cruise along the Huangpu River, taking in Shanghai’s glittering skyline and iconic city lights from a unique water-level perspective.

Day 9: Depart Shanghai

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before being transferred to the airport for your departure flight, marking the end of your unforgettable China Golden Triangle journey.

MEALS: Breakfast, In Flight

OVERNIGHT: In Flight

Day 10: Arrive Australia

Today, you will arrive back in Australia. We trust your journey through the China Golden Triangle has left you inspired and enriched by all you’ve experienced.

MEALS: In Flight