

## China Golden Triangle Small Group Tours

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Day7: Shanghai Essence and Water Village VIP Day Tour

Day8: End of the tour.

### Date & Price

Departure date	Adult Rate	Children Rate	Single Supplement
Land tour costing	236usd/person	236usd/person	
Tour with 5 star hotel	1466usd/person	1466usd/person	266usd/person
Tour with 4 star hotel	1366usd/person	1366usd/person	266usd/person

### Cancellation Policy:

If we are not able to implement the contract due to war, flood, typhoon, fire, strikes, storm, earthquake, or any other condition we are not able to foresee and avoid, we will inform customers at the first possible opportunity and offer the best possible solutions, and the final bill shall be settled based on the service we actually provide.

Up to 7 days before departure: 100% refund of all money paid, excluding penalties charged by hotels, railways, airlines, and PayPal, if applicable. All penalties will be itemized.

From 3 to 7 days before departure: 90% refund, excluding penalties charged by hotels, railways, airlines, and PayPal, if applicable. All penalties will be itemized.

Within 3 days before departure: no refund.

After the trip has commenced, we are unable to refund any amount for cancelled services due to non-participation, early departure, late arrival, or missed days on tours.

For groups of more than 10 people: The terms for cancellation may vary from case to case. Please ask your travel advisor regarding the cancellation policy for your group.

### Itinerary in Details

## **Day1: Arrival in Beijing, Transfer to hotel by car**

Pick up from airport and transfer to your hotel



## **Day2: Forbidden city, Tian'anmen square, Mutianyu Great wall hike**

### **7:00 AM Hotel pick-up**

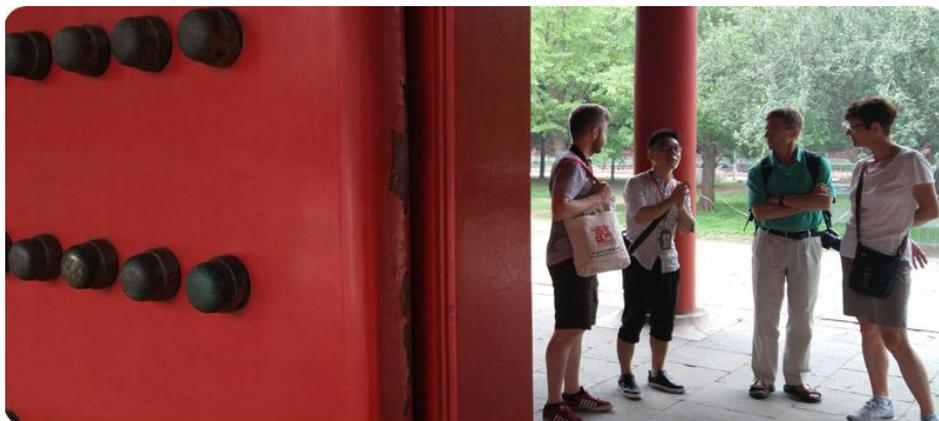
The morning of the Beijing small group tour, you will begin the tour at 7:00 AM, taking a comfortable and spacious car to the first stop, which is: Tiananmen Square

### **7:30 – 8:30 AM**

To come to Beijing and not visit Tiananmen Square would be akin to not visiting Beijing at all! This is why it is the first stop on this Beijing Tour. The Tiananmen square is the pride of Beijing and the largest square in the world. Your tour guide will provide you detailed commentary regarding the unique history, beautiful architecture, and memorable anecdotes of the square. You will also be provided ample time for photography in the end. This China small group tour will be comprising of no more than 4 to 6 people, offering good flexibility.

### **8:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

Visit the Forbidden City



Walking from the Middle Gate of the Tiananmen Rostrum, you will soon find yourself in front of an enormous red gate. You have just arrived at the highlight of the Beijing Tour – the Forbidden City, the largest imperial palace of the world with 9999.5 forbidden imperial chambers. This

venerable palace has been home to 24 Chinese Emperors in the Ming and Qing dynasties (1420-1911). You will marvel at the stunning styles and intricacies of ancient Chinese architecture, and be transported by the fascinated history of Chinese emperors. Your tour guide will immediately take you to 10 carefully selected, most unmissable places in the Forbidden City, as recommended by local experts.

#### **11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

Drive to Mutiyanyu and lunch Following the end of the Forbidden City visit, your tour guide will drive you to the Great Wall at Mutianyu, where you will luncheon at a featured popular local Chinese restaurant called Xinshuangquan. The travel to the Great Wall at Mutianyu will last no more than 1.5 hours, after which you will enjoy a delicious lunch and a relaxing break. Important point to know beforehand: By having lunch at Xinshuangquan, we save you previous time as we can then drive our vehicle directly to the foot of the Great Wall. Meanwhile, other tourists wait for the public transfer bus to take them to the Great Wall.

#### **1:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

Hiking the Great Wall of China The afternoon will comprise of hiking one of the greatest wonders of the world – the Great Wall of China. This part of the tour is featured on TripAdvisor as the top must-see destination for its picturesque scenery, beautifully restored architecture, and relatively less tourist rush. In order to save time, we recommend that you to choose round-way cable car or round-way chairlift and toboggan to either ascend or descend from the Great Wall, rather than spending about 40 minutes climbing steps. (If you want to take the one-way cable car or one-way chairlift or toboggan, you must pay price difference of CNY80 per person at your own expense.) The route typically takes approximately 2 hours to complete. Once you descend, a transfer bus will take you back to our Beijing tour vehicle.

#### **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Transfer Back To Hotel At the end of the tour, you will be directly driven back to your hotel.

### **Day3: Summer palace, Bird nest, Water cube, Temple of heaven| Take Z19 Night sleeper train to Xi'an**



#### **7:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

Once again, you will be escorted from your hotel lobby to the place known as the Summer Palace, an elaborate estate of architectural wonders situated around a beautiful lake, with a mountainous backdrop. The iconic attraction has a rich history, being constructed over the course of more than

500 years. You will enjoy the magnificence of the Summer Palace from the water on a Dragon Boat (the boat may be unavailable in Winter as the lake freezes over). Then, your guide will show you through the Long Corridor, a covered pathway decorated with more than 14000 paintings.

**11:20 AM – 11:40 AM**

On the way to lunch, we will briefly stop at the 2008 Olympic stadiums – the iconic Bird’s Nest and Water Cube for a photo opportunity.

**12:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

We will stop for Lunch at a local Traditional Chinese restaurant.

**1:30 PM – 2:10 PM**

Sight-Seeing from Jingshan Park Lookout The penultimate destination on your trip, the 479-meters peaks of Jingshan Park allow you to take in the entire spectacle of the city that you have just explored, including a panoramic view of the Forbidden City.

**2:40 PM – 4:10 PM** Touring the Temple of Heaven The fitting end to a truly epic two days of adventure, your final destination will be the Temple of Heaven. It is said that many Emperors would move into this Temple twice yearly to fast, practice abstinence and pray for a good harvest for their people. Your Guide can show you the deep spiritual symbolism of the layout, art and architecture, which is considered to be the prime achievement of one of the greatest civilizations on Earth.

**4:30 PM – 5:30 PM**

We will drive you to train station to take night sleeper train Number Z19 to your next destination Xi’an.

**Day 4: Pick up at train station, Hanyangling Museum, Tangbo Museum, Shannxi History Museum**



**7:30 – 8:00 AM**

Train station pickup and Drive to Hanyangling Mausoleum Your train will arrive in Xi’an by guide will escort you from your hotel to the pick-up point. The drive to Hanyangling Mausoleum will take about 45 minutes. This mausoleum is much more ancient than the Terracotta Soldiers, having been constructed in the 1st century BC during the Han dynasty for the benefit of Emperor Jingdi. It also houses the Emperor’s wife, other clan officials and servants. This mausoleum has only been open for viewing since 2006, and like the other exhibit, only a small portion has been

excavated. As an exclusive feature of this tour group, you will also get access to the archaeological restoration laboratory to learn about the procedure of restoring ancient relics found on the site, and get a live demonstration by a professional archaeologist. You will also get to watch a state-of-the-art, holographic video about the life of Emperor Jingdi.

**11:30AM – 1:00PM**

Lunch at a Local Restaurant Next, we will enjoy lunch at a restaurant that serves cuisine from the local Shaanxi region.

**1:30PM – 3:00PM**

See the Tangbo Art Museum This museum features a collection of folk arts from the local region as well as a timeline collection of ancient paintings presented in chronological order, across a period of several hundred years. Here you will also get to take a class in calligraphy, the tea ceremony or paper-cutting. Please note that the staff of this museum will try and sell you calligraphy and paintings. If you do not wish to feel pressured into considering their wares, please let us know before the visit.

**3:30PM– 5:30PM**

Peruse the Shaanxi History Museum Because we have prearranged your booking, you will skip the queues and get direct access to the highly acclaimed Shaanxi History Museum, which collects pieces from across 13 dynasties, from the Neolithic Period through to the modern day. The museum has exhibited more than 350,000 relics from the local region and is one of the biggest in China. Your guide is highly knowledgeable with regard to this museum's exhibits, and will aim to answer any questions you might have.

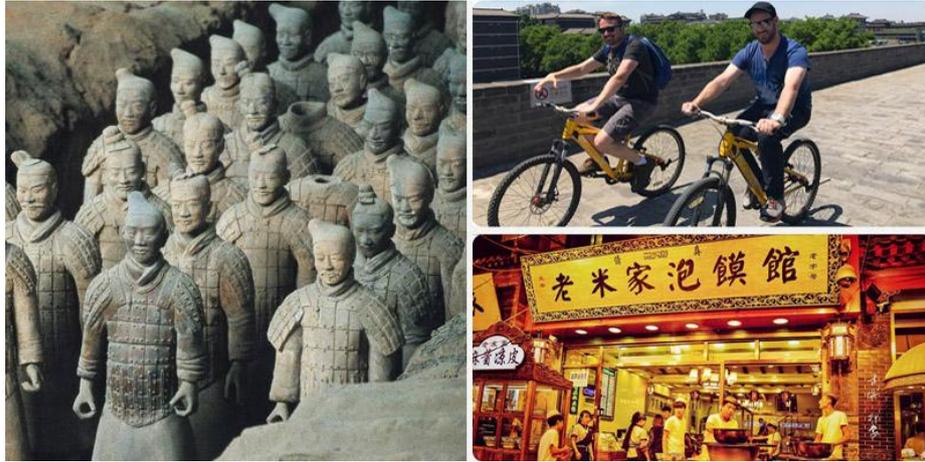
**5:40PM – 6:00PM**

Visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda This Buddhist Tower is nine floors tall, and it was built by Emperor Li Zhi from the Tang Dynasty in memory of his mother. Nearby is the Temple of Great Maternal Grace, which famously had monk Xuan Zang as its temple master. Known as the Tang Monk from the book *The Journey to the West*, this monk translated many of the Indian Buddhist sutras into Chinese at this site.

**6:00PM – 6:30PM**

Back to Your Hotel, The End of Our Journey You will be driven back to your hotel

**Day 5: Terracotta army museum, City wall, Muslim street**



### **7:30 – 8:00 AM Hotel pick up**

Your friendly guide will meet you at your hotel and escort you to the pick-up and drop-off point that is closest by. This pick-up point will be located on the third ring road around Xian, outside the hotel precinct. If you choose a hotel that is not within the precinct, please inform us before hand, as we will need to make special arrangements for you. We are leaving early to arrive at the Terracotta Army early so that there are fewer crowds and we do not have to wait in queues.

### **8:00 – 9:00 AM**

Travelling to the Terracotta Warriors During the 50 minute drive, your very knowledgeable tour guide will fill you in on some of the history of the city and the Terracotta Army.

### **9:00AM – 12:00PM**

Tour the Mausoleum of China's First Emperor, and his Terracotta Army Your guide will take you through the magnificent tomb of Ancient China's first Emperor, Qin Shi Huang. This renowned figure ordered the construction of the Great Wall protecting China's northern border from the Mongols, and united China into a powerful empire. To protect him in the afterlife, he commissioned the construction of an impressive tomb filled with stone soldiers and bronze chariots. These bronze chariots are the largest ancient bronze artifacts in the world. Special Features of Our Terracotta Warriors Tour You will receive an FM headset, because it is often very noisy in the tomb chamber during the busy season, and this means that you can clearly hear your guides stories and explanations about the site. Because all three of the pits have a boundary fence that keep tourists a certain distance away from the statues to prevent damage, we will provide you with a telescope, so that you can appreciate the fine details of the statues.

### **12:00 – 1:30PM**

Enjoy Lunch at a Nearby Restaurant After we have finished with the Terracotta Army, we will stop nearby to enjoy some special Xian cuisine, including Chinese hamburgers (known as Rou Jia Mo, 肉夹馍 in Chinese) and lamb soup with dumplings (known as Yang Rou Pao Mo, 羊肉泡馍 in Chinese). If you have any dietary requirements at all, such as gluten-free, Halal, Kosher or vegetarian, please contact us beforehand and we will make suitable arrangement for you.

### **1:30 – 2:30PM**

Travel to Xian's East Gate You can relax and have a rest after lunch, as we will make the 50 minute drive to the ancient city walls of Xian.

### **2:30 – 5:00PM**

Exploring Xian's City Walls Xian's ancient city walls are the most formidable and the best preserved of any in China. The walls were built to protect the city during the Ming Dynasty, during the 14th century, and span a length of around 14 kilometres. There are four gates into the city in each of the cardinal directions. Your journey exploring the city walls will start at the East Gate, known as Chang Le Gate. You can choose to explore the wall by one of three options. If you choose to walk the city wall, then you will only be able to explore the area between the East Gate and the South Gate, a length of around 3.5km. At 4:30pm, you will arrive at the South Gate meet with your tour guide and await the rest of the tour group.

### **5:00 – 6:00PM**

Try the Street Food of Muslim Street This bustling street is filled with food stands selling traditional Muslims cuisines. It is extremely busy, so you will have to follow close by your guide, who will recommend the best stalls to try. Please note that there are pickpockets on this street, so you should keep your bag close. Also, some of the food stalls have unsafe food practices, so you should check with your guide before choosing to buy something from a stall.

### **6:00pm – 6:30PM**

Stay and Explore Muslim Street, Or Get A Transfer Back to Your Hotel At this time, we can transfer you back to your hotel.

## **Day 6: Take Bullet train to Shanghai, Half day trip to the Yuyuan Garden**

### **07:00 AM**

Checkout from your hotel and transfer to train station. Take Bullet train to Shanghai G362(08:46-14:45)

### **14:45 PM-18:00 PM**

Upon arrival meet your driver and transfer to the Yuyuan Garden.

### **19:00-20:45 PM**

Explore Yuyuan Garden. The symbol of the Garden is the Nine Zigzag Bridge built of granite and grass-white jade and the quaint, elegant mid-lake pavilion. Then a silk store is arranged.



**20:45 PM**

You will be escorted to your hotel for a good rest afterwards.

### **Day 7: Shanghai Essence and Water Village VIP Day Tour**

**8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

Our premium business car will take you to the 200-year-old ‘water village’, regarded as the greatest symbol of the iconic Yangtze River Delta lifestyle and architecture.



*zhujiajiao watertown*

**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

The Zhujiajiao Water Town Tour Centuries ago, Zhujiajiao (/joo-jyaa-jyaoww/) was a trading area, with the canals being used to ferry products along in little boats and barges. In modern times, charming little boats still run through the canals as part of its ancient magic. A gondola ride facing the water village is the best way to get an up-close and personal view of the town, and to experience the waterway life like a local at your own pace. See our cruise guide on Zhujiajiao. The Shanghai small group tours have no more than 4 to 6 people, offering good time flexibility for asking questions, exploring the sights, and taking photographs.

**11:30 AM – 12:30 AM**

A picturesque waterside lunch After an adventurous tour of the Zhujiajiao water town, it's time for a scenic stop and a delicious, freshly-cooked local lunch at a special China Small Group Tours featured restaurant. The restaurant's second story view will offer you the most beautiful sights of the water village, and the authentic flavors will delight your taste buds! The lunch menu is carefully selected by our product managers based on the preferred customer tastes from all around the world for the best gourmet experience. We also make special arrangements based on your preferences, so simply let us know your food requests beforehand and we will be happy to oblige!

**12:30 AM – 4:00 PM** Ascent of the World Financial Centre



### *world financial center*

After a delectable lunch and a restful break, you will travel an hour to reach the next stop of your Shanghai tour – the skywalk of the internationally famous World Financial Centre. The monstrous skyscraper ranks as the tenth tallest building of the world (492 m). Here, without waiting in the tourist ticket lines, your tour guide will take you all the way up to the 100th floor to the 55 meters long skywalk – which is also the world’s fourth highest observation deck. From here, you will enthral at the birds-eye views of the city of Shanghai with the least amount of tourist rush, and be able to take stunning, clear photographs of the city from a great height.

### **4:00 AM – 5:00 AM**

Wander down the Bund If you thought that either of the first stop were the best stops of Shanghai tour, you would be wrong. For now it’s time to drive you to the Bund – Shanghai’s popular waterside boulevard along the Huangpu River. Wandering down this unique walkway, you will find on either side of you some of the most mesmerizing architectural masterpieces of the world. The Shanghai Bund boasts of uniquely contrasting buildings, some ancient, classic and colonial, others modern, futuristic, and glittery. Rather than just a superficial glance at the view as most Shanghai small group tours offer, your tour guide will take you on a scenic stroll down the Bund, and give you detailed introductions of 17 of Shanghai’s most iconic buildings and their rich history.

### **4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

Transfer Back To Hotel Or On To the Airport At the end of the tour, you will be directly driven back to your hotel, or if you must catch a flight or a train immediately, we will be more than happy to facilitate you in getting there. Please [click here](#) to book an airport transfer following the end of the Shanghai small group tour.

## **Day 8: End of the Tour**

Transfer to airport for your flight home