

# China Fantasy 22 Days/20 Nights

# Shanghai - Zhujiajiao - Suzhou - Wuxi - Hangzhou - Yichang - Yangtze River - Chongqing -Chengdu - Xi'an - Beijing - Guilin - Yangshuo - Hong Kong

This comprehensive China Fantasy 22 Days is designed to be a trip of a lifetime, and showcases China's amazing history, rich culture, natural wonders, charming landscapes, and the dramatic changes that characterize its future. You will start your trip from the metropolitan city of Shanghai and then visit the beautiful surrounding garden cities, Suzhou, Wuxi and Hangzhou. Later relax on a cruise along the mighty Yangtze River – passing the world's largest hydroelectric dam. Get up close and personal with the super-cute giant pandas in Chengdu and then take the bullet train to Xi'an to marvel at the finely-crafted Terracotta Warriors. In Beijing, ancient capitals of China, you will walk along the Great Wall and discover the mystery of the Forbidden City. Visit Guilin, one of the most picturesque places in the world, and stroll through the streets of the global village, Yangshuo. Last you will enjoy some free time in Hong Kong experience, the gourmet and shopping paradise of Asia. In 22 days you will experience the very essence of this amazing country. The combination of places visited encapsulates China's past, present and future. This is a magnificent tour with amazing and unforgettable experiences!

# **2019 FREE UPGRADES**

- $\star$  FREE Tour to Chengdu Panda Research Center to meet the famous Giant Panda bears
- ★ FREE Ride the bullet train to experience one of the world's fastest and most comfortable trains
- FREE Old Watertown visit to experience unique architectural tradition and unspoiled folk custom
- ★ FREE Upgrade to Hilton, Wydham International Chain 5 Star Hotel or similar standard



# Hotel Standard

Shanghai: Wyndham Bund East Hotel Shanghai 5\* Suzhou: Pan Pacific Hotel 5\* Wuxi: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wuxi 5\* Hangzhou: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Hangzhou East 5\* Yangtze River: President No. 7/8 5\* Beijing: Wyndham Beijing North 5\* Xi'an: Grand Noble Hotel 5\* Guilin: Guishan Huaxing Hotel 5\* Hong Kong: Metropark Kowloon Hotel 3.5\* \*Nexus Holidays reserve the right to substitute hotels in similar standard if the hotels listed in the fiver are not available.



Day 1 Canada – Shanghai Fly overnight to Shanghai.

#### Day 2 Arrive in Shanghai

Upon arrival in Shanghai, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by the tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

#### Day 3 Shanghai (B/L)

Shanghai is the vibrant metropolis and commercial Centre of China. Today we will visit Shanghai Old Street area, a busy shopping center where you may find souvenirs and delicious local food. Enjoy some free time here. In the afternoon you will walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. At night, you may enjoy a "Huangpu River Night Cruise" and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai (\$50/RMB250).

#### Day 4 Shanghai - Zujiajiao - Suzhou (B/L)

After breakfast, we will visit Zhujiajiao Ancient Water Town, which has almost 1,700 years of history. Walking on the zigzag stone pathway, you would feel like walking in an elegant and fresh painting. Small rivers shaded by willow trees, bridges over the river, houses dated back to the Ming and Qing Dynasties, lovely local people, all of these are the charm of the small water town. Then travel by coach to Suzhou. Suzhou is also known as the "Garden City" due to its many classical gardens. Upon arrival, visit the Lingering Garden which is among the finest gardens in China. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East". You may take an optional cruise along the Grand Canal to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday (\$30/RMB160).

#### Day 5 Suzhou- Wuxi (B/L/D)

This morning, visit a Silk Spinning Mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. Then travel by coach to Wuxi, one of the oldest cities in China with history of more than 3000 years. Upon arrival, head to admire the famous Lingshan Grand Buddha, with a thousand-year old Buddhism temple nearby.

#### Day 6 Wuxi – Hangzhou (B/L/D)

This morning, visit one of the largest Fresh Water Pearl Exhibition Store in the country, then travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, visit the serene West Lake, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for its scenic beauty which blends with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional performance, "Enduring Memories of Hangzhou", a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony. (\$90/RMB540).

# Day 7 Hangzhou – Shanghai - Yichang (B/L)

After breakfast, Experience an oriental tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. Then travel by coach to Shanghai, and then fly to Yichang, the starting point of your Yangtze River Cruise. After dinner, we board the luxury cruise and receive and introduction on cruise events and onboard activities.



#### Day 8 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Your highly anticipated grand Yangtze River adventure begins this morning. The cruise ship's first stop is at Taipingxi (or Sandouping). Disembark to visit the massive Three Gorges Dam Project, the world's largest dam, measuring 606 feet high and 6,500 feet long. In 1997, the cofferdam was completed and the main structure begun. Re-embark the cruise ship and sail through Xiling Gorge, the longest one of the Three Gorges at 41 miles long and also its highest (4000 feet).

#### Day 9 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Disembark at Wushan where you`ll board small riverboats for a leisurely ride through Shennong Stream`s picturesque rock formations, and even see the playful monkeys and goats along the river banks. Re-embark the cruise as it sails through Wu Gorge, which is famous for its quiet beauty, and the Qutang Gorge, the shortest and most dramatic of the Three Gorges.

#### Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

Today's shore excursion will occur at Shibaozhai. The Shibaozhai Pagoda is a 12-storey, 18th-century temple built in Zhongxian County on the northern bank of the Yangtze River. It represents one of the gems of Chinese Architecture.

#### Day 11 Chongqing – Chengdu (B/L)

Disembark from the cruise in the port of Chonqing this morning. Then take the bullet train to Chengdu. After arrival, we will explore the dynamic folk custom street, Jin Li, and experience the lifestyle of Old Chengdu. This evening, you can watch a fascinating show featuring 'face changing' (\$55/RMB300), a kind of magic traditional Chinese dramatic art that is the pride of Sichuan opera.

#### Day 12 Chengdu – Xi'an (B/L)

Today's highlight is a visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. This is the best place to see Chengdu's most famous residents being reared in surroundings resembling their natural habitat. Here you may get a chance to see the new-born baby pandas. This afternoon, we will take the bullet train from Chengdu to Xi'an. Xi'an was the first Chinese City to open its doors to the world during the Tang Dynasty. Over a period of more than 2000 years, Xi'an was the capital of eleven dynasties.

#### Day 13 Xi'an(B/L)

After breakfast, you will visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum and see the attached life-sized defending army to the first emperor of







China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is regarded as "the eighth wonder of the world" and is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Visit an Art Ceramics Factory before we visit Ancient City Wall. It is not only the most complete city wall that has survived in China, but also one of the largest and most complete ancient military defense systems in the world. This evening, enjoy the "special local Imperial Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show" (\$70/ RMB360).

#### Day 14 Xi'an -Beijing (B/SL)

This morning, fly to Beijing. Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit Tiananmen Square, the second largest public square in the world, and the Forbidden City, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your banquet includes the local delicacy, Peking Roast Duck .Enjoy the day at leisure or join an optional Temple of Heaven & Hutong Life tour with dinner (\$79/RMB420). Temple of Heaven, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to Heaven for good harvest. Then take a famous rickshaw Hutong Tour & Local Family Visit, this package also includes a traditional Beijing Zhajiangmian ('Fried Sause Noodles') as Dinner. Hutongs are traditional alley ways that made up Beijing's old city planning, take a special rickshaw ride for an immersive tour to get a wonderful glimpse into yesterday's world, the old way of life and traditional Beijing culture, and see the dramatic changes the city has undergone continue to visit a local family



#### Day 15 Beijing (B/L)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic Great Wall, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700mile marvel. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia en-route before the Great Wall. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a Cloisonné Factory. Then we will drive pass by modern exteriors of the Bird's Nest and Water Cube. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$65/RMB340).

#### Day 16 Beijing (B/L)

Start your tour from the exquisite Summer Palace, the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China, and a former summer resort for Emperors. Then, visit a Chinese Herbal Institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



#### Day 17 Beijing – Guilin(B,D)

This morning we will be transferred to the airport to board our flight to Guilin, one of China's most picturesque cities . With its name translating to 'Forest of Sweet Osmanthus', Guilin has long been renowned for its unique scenery, amazing karst landscapes and rich ethnic cultures. After arrival we tour Elephant Trunk Hill and the Reed Flute Caves and will be amazed by the extraordinary karst limestone formations.

#### Day 18 Guilin-Yangshuo(B,L)

Today we enjoy a relaxing Xingping River Cruise along the Li River. The journey offers 30 miles of breathtaking scenery. We arrive in Yangshuo Village in the afternoon and walk along the 1,400 year old West Street and explore the beautiful Yangshuo local village. You may enjoy an optional show tonight – Impression Liu San Jie, a large scale ethnic performance over the Li River (\$90/RMB540).



#### Day 19 Yangshuo-Guilin- HongKong (B,L)

This morning we will go back to Guilin and take the high-speed train to Hong Kong, the gourmet and shopping paradise of Asia. After arrival, we will arrange the transfer to the hotel. This evening is at leisure.

#### Day 20 Hong Kong

Enjoy a half day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting Victoria Peak, Stanley Market and Aberdeen Fishing Village. Spend the rest of the day at leisure.

#### Day 21 Hong Kong

Today, you may enjoy your free time in Hong Kong or take a optional tour to Macau(\$180, pre-book only). In this optional tour, you will take a high speed ferry (Turbojet) to Macau for a tour of Asia's equivalent to Las Vegas, visiting the Ruins of St Paul's Cathedral, A Ma Temple, Barrier Gate, Senado Square, casinos and souvenir stores. Enjoy lunch before returning to Hong Kong in the evening.

#### Day 22 Hong Kong – Canada

This morning, board your homeward flight and get back to your sweet home.



# VIP Day 7-11 Yangtze Cruise VIP Pacakge

- · Free Upgrade to Higher Floor (4-6 Floor)
- $\cdot$  Free coffee, tea and snacks at happy hours in the afternoon.
- Enjoy all meals at VIP restaurant and A la carte available (A la carte need to be paid separately).
- Free drinks before dinner.
- · Unlimited wine, beer and soft drink for lunch and dinner.
- · Express check in and check out
- · Room turn-down service
- $\cdot$  Welcome fruit basket in cabin
- $\cdot$  VIP area reserved for evening entertainment
- $\cdot$  2 Hour Free internet for each sailing

# **Other Optional Programs**

Day 3 Shanghai "Huangpu River Night Cruise" (\$50/RMB250) Day 4 Suzhou "Grand Canal Cruise" (\$30/RMB160) Day 6 Hangzhou "Enduring memories of Hangzhou" (\$90/RMB450) Day 7-11 Yangze River "Onboard VIP Package" (\$100/RMB550) Day 12 Chengdu "Face Changing Show" (\$55/RMB300) Day 13 Xi'an "Dumpling Banquet Dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show" (\$70/RMB360) Day 14 Beijing "Hutong Life Tour with dinner" (\$79/RMB420)

Day 14 Beijing "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$65/RMB420) Day 15 Beijing "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (\$65/RMB340) Day 18 Yangshuo – " Impression Liu San Jie" (\$90/RMB540) Day 21 Macau One Day Tour (\$180)





## 2019

Depart Canada	Arrive Canada	Package Price
Mar 26	Apr 16	\$3,999
Apr 16	May 07	\$4,099
May 14	Jun 04	\$4,299
Sep 10	Oct 01	\$4,299
Oct 15	Nov 05	\$4,299
Nov 3	Nov 24	\$3,999

# 2020

Depart Canada	Arrive Canada	Package Price
Mar 24	Apr 14	\$3,999
Apr 21	May 12	\$4,099
May 12	Jun 02	\$4,299
Sep 08	Sep 29	\$4,299
Sep 22	Oct 12	\$4,299
Oct 13	Nov 03	\$4,299
Oct 20	Nov 10	\$4,199
Nov 3	Nov 24	\$3,999

## **Price Guide**

- Prices per person is based on twin share accommodation
- Departing Vancouver or Toronto with Air China, China Eastern airline or Hainan Airline. Air Canada flight can be arranged based on request.
- Add on airfare from other cities: Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria \$300, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John \$400, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec city \$300
- No child discount
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Please check with your travel agent or our website for the latest information
- Single supplement \$1,599/pp

## **Price Includes**

- International flights from Toronto/Vancouver in economy class
- Airline and port taxes & fuel surcharges (\$880/pp)
- All intra-flights: Shanghai-Yichang, Xi'an-Beijing, and Beijing-Guilin
- High-speed Train: Chongqing-Chengdu, Chengdu-Xi'an, Guilin-Hong Kong
- 5 star Deluxe hotel accommodation in mainland China, 3-4 star hotel in Hong Kong
- 4 nights 5 star cruise upstream on the Yangtze River (accommodation in outside cabin with balcony and private bathroom facilities)
- All transfers included
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary

- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local tour guides in major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### **Price Does Not Include**

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Prepaid tipping for Mainland China part: \$240 for 19 days.
- Please pay the Hong Kong part's gratuities locally to driver and tour guide.
- Personal expenditures such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls