11-Day China Highlight Tour

Cities Covered: Beijing, Xi’an & Shanghai

Mar 19 – 29, 2020
Apr 16 – 26, 2020
May 14 – 24, 2020
(11 Days)

Tour Package Includes

★ International Flight from Honolulu
★ 5* Deluxe Hotel Accommodations (based on double occupancy)
★ Admissions and 16 Meals as Stated
★ Maglev Train Experience
★ 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
  • Forbidden City
  • Great Wall
  • Temple of Heaven
  • Terracotta Warriors
★ Local Special Meals:
  • Peking Duck Dinner
  • Dumpling Banquet
  • Buddhist Vegetarian Meal
  • Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show
  • Shanghai Dim Sum
★ Entertainment Show:
  • Traditional Peking Opera
  • Tang Dynasty Dinner & Show
  • Chinese Acrobatic Show
★ Gratuity for Tour Guides & Drivers
★ Use of Wireless Tour Guide System

Price per person:
$2,888
Incl: Tax & Fuel Charge

Single Supp: $800
**Peking Opera** is considered a cultural treasure of China and was established around 1790 when regional opera groups gathered in Beijing to perform for the emperor's birthday. It is more than just music and singing; it combines drama, dancing, martial arts, and acrobatics, which makes it one of the most multifaceted theatrical forms in the world. In 2010 Peking Opera was declared Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity by UNESCO.

**Fangzhuang Quanjude Roast Duck Restaurant:** Founded in 1864 and still owned and run by the same family, Quanjude is famous as the home of Beijing duck. Farmed locally, the ducks are roasted over an open fire, where fruit-tree wood gives them their special fragrance. The duck will be sliced before your eyes before slivers of duck—famed for the layer of juicy fat which lies under a crisp golden-brown skin—are rolled in pancakes with shallots and cucumber. The carving and tasting of the Quanjude roast duck is a must for visitors to Beijing.

**De Fa Chang Dumpling Restaurant:** has many specialty dishes, but the most famous is Jiaozi made of Shark fin. Another kind of Jiaozi is the size of a small fingertip and filled with chicken meat. It is called a pearl Jiaozi and is boiled in a hotpot of chrysanthemum soup. Today, the words are different, for having one Jiaozi, means to go off smoothly, and two Jiaozi for double happiness at the same time. While enjoying Jiaozi, you can listen to the story and receive a blessing in China.
Day 7
Xi’an  (B, L, D)
In the morning, we will visit a UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the most exciting archaeological finds of the 20th Century – the Terracotta Warriors. The Terracotta Army or the "Terracotta Warriors and Horses" is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. It is a form of funerary art buried with the emperor in 210–209 BC and whose purpose was to protect the emperor in his afterlife. Archeologists estimate there were over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, the majority of which are still buried in the pits. We will have an opportunity to buy souvenirs at the Reproduction Factory. Then we will transfer to Muslim Street lined with various restaurants and stalls, some specializing in cakes, dried fruit, and snacks. The most famous dishes of Xi’an are available on Muslim Street, including Marinated Meat in a Baked Bun, Pita Bread Soaked in Lamb Soup, Bean Threads in Shaanxi Flavoring, and Xi’an Dumplings. Tonight we will attend the famous Tang Dynasty Dinner and Show that portrays the luxurious life during the Tang Dynasty.

**Tang Dynasty Show** is based on the life of the famous historical figure in China: Empress Wu Ze-tian of the Tang Dynasty (618-90 AD). Empress Wu was born in 624 and became a concubine of the Tang Emperor when she was only 14 years old. Years of living in the palace made her tough and smart, growing up from a simple and innocent young girl into a hardened and sophisticated court politics player. With her wisdom, talents, and persistence, she managed to become the first wife of the emperor and in 690 ascended the throne to be the empress in her own right after her husband died. With a classical Chinese live orchestra and a state-of-art stage design, this five-part dance and music show will bring back to us the legendary Empress Wu Ze-tian and the glory and splendor of the Great Tang Empire.

Day 8
Xi’an  →  Shanghai  (B)
In the morning, we take a short flight to Shanghai, the most populous city in China. Due to its rapid growth in the last two decades, it has again become a global city, exerting influence over finance, commerce, fashion, and culture. Upon arrival, we will experience the Shanghai Maglev Train, the first commercial maglev in the world. It was enrolled by Guinness Records to be the fastest train for commercial use in the world in 2003. Then, we will check into our hotel before visiting Xintiandi.

Day 9
Shanghai  (B, L)
Today, we will visit Shanghai Museum. As a museum of ancient Chinese art, Shanghai Museum possesses a collection of over 1,000,000 objects, about 120,000 of which are precious national-graded works of art. Its rich and high-quality collection of ancient Chinese bronze, ceramics, painting and calligraphy is specially celebrated in the world. We have arranged a visit to a Silk Factory to see the process of silk production, from silk worms to finished products and shop for silk products in the gift shop. After enjoying a Dim Sum Meal, we will visit the Yuyuan Garden, a famous classic garden in the architectural style of the Ming dynasty. It is peaceful and beautiful throughout the year. Take some time to wander along the narrow paths, ponds, and bridges. After exiting the garden, we will be at the entrance to the Bazaar or Open Market at the City God Temple. We can enjoy shopping for souvenirs or checking out food shops. Tonight, we will enjoy a Chinese Acrobatic Show. Their death-defying acrobatic acts are excellent and will top other shows you may have seen. This 90 minute show with extremely skillful performers is one of the must-do-things or highlights in Shanghai.

Day 10
Shanghai  →  Beijing  (B)
This morning, we will explore the Special Economic Zone of Pudong and walk along the East Side of Huangpu River with memorable views of the Bund and Pudong (the new financial district). The Bund is the Landmark of Shanghai, with many historical buildings along the river. All these buildings were used for government organizations a few years back. Now, there are many restaurants, bars, clubs and boutiques in them. Tonight, we will transfer to the Shanghai Pudong International Airport for our return flight home via Beijing.

Day 11
Beijing  →  Honolulu
Our flight to Honolulu leaves after midnight, ending our wonderful tour in China.

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**Remarks:**
- Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all airline taxes and fees
- Escorted tour with a minimum of 20 passengers
- Local English speaking tour guide service
- All transfers and sightseeing by air conditioned coach
- Refer to “General Conditions of Air & Sea”
- We reserve the right to modify the itinerary to ensure smooth operation
- China Visa is not included, available at $180 for 10-year multiple entries (subject to government approval)
- Gratuity for Tour Guides & Drivers is included
- Tour price is subject to change according to any airfare increase, increase in government taxes, additional fuel charges and fluctuation of the rate of exchange between U.S. and foreign currency
- Tour price includes fuel surcharge & government taxes and fees. The tour price shown is current at time of listing and pricing on Apr 16th, 2019

**Payment Policy:**
A deposit of $350 per person is required at the time of application. The balance of payment is due **70 days prior to departure**. In the event balance of payment is not made within the required time period, Air and Sea Travel Center reserves the right to cancel reservations and charge a cancellation fee. Written notice is required for any cancellation. $350 deposit is non-refundable if you cancel **within 70 days before departure**.

**Cancellation Policy:**
Within 70 days before departure, the cancellation fee will be as follow:
** 69-31 days prior to departure, 50% of total price plus any other service fee caused from the cancellation;
** 30 days prior to departure or withdrawing during the tour shall be regarded as willingly giving up all rights concerned, 100% of total price, and request for other services as a substitute shall not be accepted.

**We strongly recommend purchasing travel insurance when you make a reservation.**

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