

Spirit of China - 10 Days

Your journey starts from Shanghai, China's most modern metropolis. Then visit elegant classic gardens and Grand Canal in Suzhou and cruise on the legendary West Lake and taste the Dragon Well Tea in Hangzhou. Continue to Xian in Central China to admire the 6,000 life-sized Terra-cotta Warriors. The last stop of this memorable trip is Capital Beijing where to discover its timeless imperial treasures.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none">airport-hotel transfer in Shanghaibreakfast, lunch<i>Yu Garden, Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai Museum, Bund, a local gift shop en route</i> Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Jade Buddha Temple is famous for its two precious jade Buddha statues brought from Burma, which are not only rare cultural relics but also exquisite artworks. The Shanghai Museum has a collection of 120,000 pieces of Chinese ancient treasures. Optional tour: Top of the Pyramid - The Exhibition of Ancient Egyptian Civilization is on display from July 19th, 2024 to August 17th, 2025.
2	Day 2 Shanghai	<p>The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai.</p> <p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Acrobatic Shows in Shanghai are known as the best in China. You can never imagine how exciting the show is.Or you could take a Huangpu River Night Cruise which is the perfect way to enjoy the gorgeous night view of Shanghai. <ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel - train station transfer in Shanghai, train station transfer in Suzhoubreakfast, lunch<i>Master of Nets Garden, Grand Canal, Pingjiang Road, a silk factory en route</i> The Master of Nets Garden (built in 1174 A.D.) is an outstanding example of the small gardens in Suzhou. The garden covers only 0.6 hectare, small in size but very elegant. It keeps the traditional appearances of the time-tested and well-known residence in Suzhou, and it features the landscape garden in combination with the living quarters. The garden was inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 1997. Take a small boat trip along the Grand Canal and get close to the world's oldest and longest canal. Pingjiang Road, an ancient street along the Grand Canal, is filled with snack shops, tea houses, ping-tan museums, and boutique shops.
3	Day 3 Shanghai - Suzhou (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel - train station transfer in Suzhou, train station transfer in Hangzhoubreakfast, lunch<i>West Lake, Six Harmonies Pagoda, Qinghefang Historical Street</i> The West Lake (UNESCO) is famous for its natural beauty and historic relics and it has influenced numerous painters, poets, and garden designers throughout Chinese history. You will take a short cruise on the picturesque West Lake. The Six Harmonies Pagoda is a masterpiece of ancient Chinese architecture. You can get a panoramic view of the Qiantang River on the very top. The Qinghefang Historical Street has been the most flourished street in the city since the ancient time. Hangzhou's century-old shops are all located in this area.
4	Day 4 Suzhou- Hangzhou (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">hotel - airport transfer in Hangzhou, airport transfer in Xi'anbreakfast, lunch<i>Ancient City Wall</i> The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.
5	Day 5 Hangzhou - Xi'an (by air)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">breakfast, lunch<i>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a ceramic & pottery workshop en route</i> The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark, is a seven-story pagoda initially constructed in 652 AD. One of the pagoda's many functions is to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler - Xuanzang.
6	Day 6 Xi'an	

Ideas for leisure time: Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show.

Good to know: If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.

7	Day 7 Xi'an - Beijing (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotel - train station transfer in Xi'an, train station - hotel transfer in Beijing • breakfast
8	Day 8 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast, lunch • <i>Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, a silk gift shop en route</i> The Tian'anmen Square is the world's largest and renowned public square where many historical events once took place. The Forbidden City (UNESCO) is the imperial place where the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for nearly 500 years (1420-1911). Experience the architectural splendor of the palaces, ceremonial courtyards, and private quarters. The Temple of Heaven (UNESCO), where ancient Chinese emperors made sacrifices to Heaven and prayed for bountiful harvests, demonstrates the supreme achievement of traditional Chinese architecture. <p>Good to know: Usually the guide service for a full day tour is about from 9:00 to 17:00, and the evening time is on your own. If needed, your guide is happy to offer some tips or help you buy tickets for evening entertainment.</p> <p>Ideas for leisure time: If you are interested in Chinese Kung Fu, the Legend of Kung Fu is a good choice for tonight. It is stunning Kung Fu show with a great story line and martial arts skills.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast, lunch • <i>Great Wall, Summer Palace, a cloisonné workshop en route</i> The Great Wall is one of the most spectacular structures ever built by humans and is the only one visible from space. The Summer Palace (UNESCO) is the largest imperial garden in the world. Emperors of successive dynasties created a summer retreat of Chinese gardens and pavilions, around the tranquil waters of Kunming Lake.
9	Day 9 Beijing	<p>Ideas for leisure time:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enjoy the Peking Duck dinner at time-honored restaurant - Quanjude or Bianyifang. The duck is characteristic with its crispy skin, tender meat and the fragrance from the fruit-wood. 2. Watch a breathtaking acrobatic show at Chaoyang Theater or Tiandi Theater.
10	Day 10 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hotel - airport transfer in Beijing • breakfast

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned car or coach
- Land transfers between airport or train station and hotel
- First entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flight ticket with tax and train tickets (2nd class seat) as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flight
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
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