

# Bullet Train Tour of Magnificent China - 14 Days

This 2-week bullet train tour covers major destinations in China, including Beijing, Xi'an, Luoyang, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai. This is a trip for train fans as the whole journey is completed by high-speed bullet train.

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>airport-hotel transfer in Beijing</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><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.</li></ul>
2	Day 2 Beijing	<p><b>Good to know:</b> 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><b>Ideas for leisure time:</b> 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"><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Great Wall, Bird's Nest &amp; Water Cube, 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. Take an outside tour to the Olympic Stadium, nicknamed Bird's Nest, and the National Swimming Centre, also known as the Water Cube.</li></ul>
3	Day 3 Beijing	<p><b>Ideas for leisure time:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li><li>Watch a breathtaking acrobatic show at Chaoyang Theater or Tiandi Theater.</li></ol>
4	Day 4 Beijing – Xi'an (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an</li><li>breakfast</li><li><i>Summer Palace</i> 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.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a ceramic &amp; 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.</li></ul>
5	Day 5 Xi'an	<p><b>Ideas for leisure time:</b> Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show.</p> <p><b>Good to know:</b> 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.</p>
6	Day 6 Xi'an - Luoyang (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>train station transfer in Xi'an, train station - hotel transfer in Luoyang</li><li>breakfast, lunch</li><li><i>Ancient City Wall, Muslim Snack Street</i> The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today. The Muslim Snack Street is full of mouth-watering delicacies and snacks.</li></ul>

7	Day 7 Luoyang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breakfast, lunch</li> <li>• <i>Longmen Grottoes, White Horse Temple</i> The Longmen Grottoes is one of the Three Major Buddhist Grottoes in China. Carved 1500 years ago, the grottoes is the long-established art form which plays a significant role in the evolution of Buddhism in Asian. It has over 100,000 Buddhist images and statues inside. The White Horse Temple was established in the year 68 AD, and it was the first Buddhism temple in China. According to historical record, there was a white horse that first carried the Buddhism script from India to here, hence it was named White Horse Temple.</li> </ul>
8	Day 8 Luoyang – Hangzhou (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• train station transfer in Luoyang, train station - hotel transfer in Hangzhou</li> <li>• breakfast</li> </ul>
9	Day 9 Hangzhou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breakfast, lunch</li> <li>• <i>West Lake , Six Harmonies Pagoda</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.</li> </ul>
10	Day 10 Hangzhou – Suzhou (by bullet train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• train station transfer in Hangzhou, train station - hotel transfer in Suzhou</li> <li>• breakfast, lunch</li> <li>• <i>Qinghefang Historical Street , Dragon Well Tea Plantation</i> 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. The Dragon Well Tea Plantation is one of the origin places of Dragon Well Tea, also called Longjing Tea. The first picked tea leaves of the new harvest were once reserved solely for the Emperor and transported to him via the Grand Canal in ancient China.</li> </ul>
11	Day 11 Suzhou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breakfast, lunch</li> <li>• <i>Master of Nets Garden, Grand Canal, Lingerig Garden</i> The Master of Nets Garden, the smallest and most proportional of all the beautiful gardens in Suzhou, is in the mood of tranquility and harmony. Take a small boat trip along the Grand Canal and get close to the world's oldest and longest canal. The Lingerig Garden is one of the four classical gardens of China. It is well-known for the exquisite beauty of its magnificent buildings with various sizes, shapes, and colors.</li> </ul>
12	Day 12 Suzhou – Shanghai (by automobile)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• private transfer</li> <li>• breakfast, lunch</li> <li>• <i>Tongli Ancient Town</i> The Tongli Ancient Town earns a reputation of a peaceful ancient town which is located a short drive from Suzhou. The town is characterized by exquisitely designed bridges and well preserved ancient architecture of the Ming and Qing dynasties.</li> </ul>
13	Day 13 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• breakfast, lunch</li> <li>• <i>Jade Buddha Temple, Shanghai Museum, Bund, a local gift shop en route</i> 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. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai.</li> </ul>
14	Day 14 Shanghai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• airport transfer in Shanghai</li> <li>• breakfast</li> </ul>

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
- Train tickets (2<sup>nd</sup> 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
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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