

17 Days

Beijing, Xian, Luoyang, Wuhan, Yangtze River Cruise, Shanghai Essence Tour

Non-shopping Tour

from \$**2499**

Prices in AUD per person

BLY17E	\$2499	\$1899	\$2499	\$1210	US\$170
Code	Adult	Child NO Bed	Child WITH Bed	Sgl Supp.	Tipping

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*Child fares apply to children 2 - 11 years old. Child without extra bed has to share room with 2 adults. Child without extra bed does include breakfast.

- ★Tour fare includes: All 2-segments(Xi'an=Luoyang, Luoyang=Wuhan) of High-Speed 2nd Class Train Tickets
- ★Tour fare does NOT include: Beijing-Xian One-way Air Ticket(USD\$170pp);

Day 1 Hometown → Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, transfer to the hotel and check in. The remainder of the day will be at yours to enjoy. Hotel: Asia Hotel or similar

Day 2 Beijing (B/L

In the morning, visit the famous Great Wall of China. You will visit the Juyongguan Pass of the Wall, one of the three famous passes, was a solid stronghold encircling a valley. Enjoy a walk on the wall and seeing rugged mountain scenery as it is beautiful, and the fort and perimeter wall have been restored to their original glory. The Wall was listed as a World UNESCO Heritage site in 1987. Later, head to the Olympic Park where the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games took place. The park was designed to contact ten venues, the Olympic Village, and other supporting facilities. See the Bird's Nest, the National Stadium, which is situated in Olympic Green Village. Transfer back to the hotel and the remaining of the day will be yours to enjoy or opt for an optional tour. Dinner is not included.

Hotel: Asia Hotel or similar

Optional Programs

Tiananmen Square Night Drive by Tour with Beijing Duck Dinner - USD\$29pp.

Visit the Tiananmen Square, the must place to visit in Beijing. It is the largest public squares in the world. The historical, cultural, and political significance of the square makes it one of the most important sites in the country. At night it's lit up in beautiful red and the fountains outside flow in calming blue. This is the perfect time to appreciate this truly iconic Chinese facade, without the craziness it attracts during the day. Tonight, enjoy the authentic Beijing Duck for dinner.

The Great Wall



Day 3 Beijing

The entire day will be at your own leisure to enjoy or opt for an optional tour. Lunch and dinner are not included.

Hotel: Asia Hotel or similar

Optional Programs

1) The Summer Palace & Forbidden City Tour with Lunch - USD\$59pp

Start your day with a visit to the Summer Palace. Beijing the largest and most well-preserved royal park in China, it greatly influences Chinese horticulture and landscape with its famous natural views and cultural interests, which also has long been recognized as "the Museum of Royal Gardens". After, visit the Forbidden City, once served as the imperial palace for 24 emperors during the Ming & Qing Dynasties. Now known as the Palace Museum, it is the world's largest palace complex and covers 74 hectares. Listed by UNESCO as a World Cultural Heritage Site in 1987, it is now one of the most popular tourist attractions worldwide.

2) Chinese Acrobatic Show with Beijing Noodle Dinner-USD\$29/per person

When we consider Beijing style dishes, most people will think of Beijing Duck. But there is another delicious traditional Beijing style dish – Noodles with Soy Bean Paste. Tonight, enjoy an authentic Beijing Noodle with Soy Bean Paste. Zha Jiang Mian, or "Fried Sauce Noodles". So famous in China that the mere mention of it immediately makes people think of Beijing. After dinner, watch an acrobatic show that is being performed by highly-trained circus performers. It is action packed with outstanding feats, beautiful choreography, color, and excitement. Chinese acrobatics is a pearl in the treasure house and ranks among the best arts in the world.

Day 4 Beijing → Xi'an

In the morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Xian. Upon arrival, visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. It attracts numerous visitors for its fame in the Buddhist religion and its simple but appealing style of construction. Big Wild Goose Pagoda is rated as a National Key Cultural Relic Preserve as well as an AAAA Tourist Attraction. In the afternoon, pass by the Bell Tower and visit the Ancient City Wall, the most complete city wall that has survived in China, as well being one of the largest ancient military defensive systems in the world. Dinner is not included.

Hotel: Golden Flower or similar



Tour Highlights

- ★ 10 nights international brand hotel
- ★ 6 nights 5-star Yangtze River Cruise
- ★ Shanghai World Financial Center and other high-value attractions, Hangzhou West Lake, Suzhou Liuyuan, Beijing, the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, the Great Wall
- ★ There is only one shopping excursion in each stop
- ★ English-speaking Tour guide

2019 Departure Dates

Apr	12	Aug	2
May	10	Sep	13
Jun	7	Oct	11
Jul	5		

Optional Programs

Tang Dynasty Show with Dumpling Banquet - USD\$59pp.

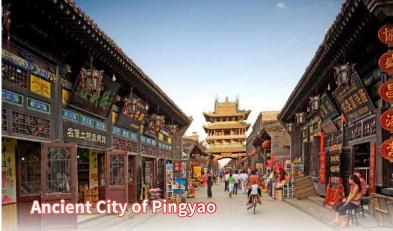
Immerse yourself in the cultural and culinary delights of Xi'an during a Tang Dynasty Show and Dumpling Banquet. Pleasure your palate with a sumptuous selection of filled dumplings, incredible choreography and exuberant music of a Tang Dynasty Show. Marvel at the entertaining extravagance of the performance.

Day 5 Xi'an

(B/L)

In the morning, visit the famous Terra Cotta Warrior Museum. It is a super large collection of life-size terra cotta sculptures in battle formations, reproducing the mega imperial guard troops of Emperor Qin Shi Huang, the first emperor of the first unified dynasty of Imperial China. Being the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Terracotta Army is no doubt a must-





see for every visitor to Xian. In the afternoon, visit the Shaanxi History Museum, regarded as 'the pearl of ancient dynasties and house of Chinese treasures', gives a miniature overview of the thousands of years of Chinese history and the splendid ancient cultures of olden times. Dinner is not included

Hotel: Golden Flower or similar

Day 6 Xi'an=Luoyang

After breakfast, take a high-speed train to Luoyang. Visit Longmen Grottoes, a World UNESCO Heritage Site. One of China's four famous ancient grottoes, the site hosts the largest and most impressive display of Chinese art in the late Wei and Tang Dynasties. Containing statues that stand 50 feet tall and covering an area of 7.4 acres that took over 400 years to build, the Longmen Caves are of great value to the history of world sculpture. UNESCO states that the site is "an outstanding manifestation of human artistic creativity". Dinner is not included

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Luoyang City Center or similar

Day 7 Luoyang-Shaolin-Luoyang (B/L) Today, visit Shaolin Temple, reputed as "the Number

One Temple under Heaven". Dating back to the Northern Wei Dynasty (386 - 534), the temple was included on UNESCO's World Cultural & Natural Heritage List in 2010. It is the cradle of the Chinese Zen Buddhism and the Shaolin Martial Arts such as Shaolin Cudgel. Dinner is not included.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Luoyang City Center or similar

Day 8 Luoyang=Wuhan

After breakfast, take a high-speed train to Wuhan. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel. This afternoon, enjoy the free time at leisure. Lunch and dinner are not included. Hotel: Howard Johnson Pearl Plaza or similar

Day 9 Wuhan-Yangtze River Cruise (B/L/D)

This morning, visit the Yellow Crane Tower. Known as 'The First Scenery under Heaven', it is one of the most iconic towers south of the Yangtze River. Its cultural significance makes it the symbol of Wuhan City. Then, visit Wuhan University, commonly regarded as one of the most beautiful campuses and a top 10 university for decades in China. Filled with vibrant and fragrant scenery, visitors will be wishing to enroll for a semester. After dinner land on cruise ship to enjoy a welcome party.

Accommodation: Century Sky Cruise Ship

Day 10 Yangtze River Cruise-Jiujiang (B/L/D)

In the morning, visit the White Deer Grotto Academy. Rebuilt during the Song Dynasty, it turned into a center for Neo-Confucianism. Scholars from all around China (and some from as far as Korea) came to study in the peaceful and secluded school, considered one of the Four Great Academies of China. Return back to the cruise and the afternoon will be yours to enjoy. Or, join the one-day tour to Mount Lu (Optional Tour, \$99/ per person with lunch) is one of the spiritual centers of Chinese civilization. After returning to the cruise, join the show on board.

Accommodation: Century Sky Cruise Ship

Day 11 Yangtze River Cruise - Huangshan (B/L/D)

Today, take a full day trip to Yellow Mountain, the most iconic mountains of the Anhui Province. It is famed for its stunning and peculiar natural sceneries composed of four wonders, namely unique guest-greeting pines, absurd stones, sea of clouds, as well as high peaks, particular forest and glacial landforms. The near 40,000

acre park boasts not only attracting scenery but also abundant resources and a great variety of zoological species, for which it has been listed as a World Natural and Cultural Heritage Site. You will visit the North & West Sea Scenic Zone of the mountain. In the late afternoon land back on cruise for dinner.

Accommodation: Century Sky Cruise Ship

Day 12 Yangtze River Cruise - Nanjing (B/L/D)

In the morning, head to the Niushou Mountain, containing a cultural park dedicated to displaying and preserving the mountain's cultural treasures that date back centuries. Discover beautiful sceneries that exhibit priceless cultural artifacts surrounded in lush greenery. Afterward, visit the Confucius Temple dedicated to worshipping China's most influential philosopher,take a break to explore the area around Nanjing Confucius Temple and stop by a series of tourist shops, snack bars, restaurants and tea cafes built Ming and Qing architectural style. Late on, land on cruise ship for dinner. Accommodation: Century Sky Cruise Ship

Day 13 Yangtze River Cruise-Yangzhou (B/L/D)

This morning, start your day with a visit to the Slender West Lake, the heart and soul of Yangzhou. Slender West Lake is a man-made lake where beautiful views and historic points coexist. The lake is filled with beautiful attractions such as its popular Rainbow Bridge, White Pagoda and vibrant lush gardens. Afterwards, continue to visit Yangzhou 486 Intangible Cultural Heritages Center to learn and experience authentic traditional art forms originating from the city. Continue to the Dongguan Street, afterward, return back to cruise ship for dinner.

Accommodation: Century Sky Cruise Ship

Optional Programs

Yangzhou Ancient Grand Canal by boat - USD\$29pp

Ancient Grand Canal in Yangzhou is the oldest of the whole China Ancient Grand Canal with various historical sites and humanities landscapes. Yangzhou is the only city which is syngenetic with Chinese ancient canal; it is the world unique "canal city". There are dozens of attractions along the river; hence, its tourism value is extremely high. It collects the Yangtze River and the canal, natural and artificial, history and reality, economic and culture, new and old line, city and country; constitute a colorful tourist routes with amorous feelings kinds, variety of scenery and rich connotation.

Day 14 Yangtze River Cruise-Suzhou (B/L/D)

In the morning, depart from the cruise and head to Suzhou. Visit the Lion Grove Garden. Covering an area of about 2.7 acres, Lion Grove Garden is an ideal sightseeing site as it has richly ornamental pavilions and towers in different styles; each has its own history and story. After lunch, head to Ping Jiang historical block, a symbol of Suzhou ancient city. When you walk in the Pingjiang historical block, the road was still the old paved roads; the river was still green and clear and the residence was still as quiet as before. Walking on the Pingjiang road, you can see all the scenery was as beautiful as a painting. Later, visit Hanshan Temple. Being one of the most famous temples in Chinese history, Hanshan Temple often boasts about its bell rings. It is also a Buddhism temple. The statue of the Buddhist patriarch Sakyamuni is there for people to make offerings to in the Grand Prayer Hall. Until now, the temple is one of the most important places to hold Buddhism activities. Return back to the boat finally.

Accommodation: Century Sky Cruise Ship

Day 15 Yangtze River Cruise - Shanghai (B/L)

In the morning, visit Xintiandi. It is unique because of its concept of construction. It retains the antique walls, tiles and exterior of the Shikumen housing of old Shanghai. Here you can enjoy international gallery, bars and cafes, boutiques and theme restaurants. When you walk into it, you will get the taste of both Shanghai in the 1920's and the sonic modern lifestyle of urbanites of the 21st century. Afterwards, head to Nanjing Road, China's premier shopping street. Today it is a mustsee metropolitan destination attracting thousands of fashion-seeking shoppers from all over the world. Dinner is not included.

Hotel: Baolong hotel or similar

Optional Programs

Shanghai World Financial Center with Dinner -

Visit the Shanghai World Financial Center Observation Deck. While wandering on the floor made of transparent glass, you can see the top of the Oriental Pearl Tower just in front and feel as if you are walking in the air above the roof of the Jin Mao Tower. Vehicles, pedestrians and even the whole city seem to be far away, down below.

Day 16 Shanghai

Enjoy the free leisure day. Lunch and dinner are not included.

Hotel: Baolong hotel or similar

Day 17 Shanghai → Hometown

Today, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home as your trip comes to an end.



Remarks

○ Fare Excludes: International airfare, travel insurance, visa fee, ○ Fare Excludes: International airrare, travel insurance, visa fee, personal expenses and any extra cost beyond control.
○ Children without bed can get breakfast for USD\$110(All breakfast during the tour).
○ Tipping and compulsory programs fee(if any) are to be paid with tour fee before departure.
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