

10 DAYS OF EXPERIENCING BEIJING, SHANGHAI AND HANGZHOU, WITH FLIGHTS INCLUDED.



China is a destination everyone needs to visit at least once. An eclectic fusion of jaw-dropping landscapes and sprawling cities, ancient wonders and living culture, just one visit is all it takes to fall in love. From the serene gardens of Suzhou to the neon jungle of Beijing and gravity-defying architecture of Shanghai, this bucketlist worthy trip is the ultimate way to experience China.

## The offer

Unravel the mysteries of China on this phenomenal 10-day two-for-one package visiting Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Suzhou. Visit the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, walk along the UNESCO listed Great Wall of China, witness giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo, explore the Lingering Gardens of Suzhou, visit Shanghai's famous Bund, and more. Includes return Qantas flights, eight nights hotel accommodation, a one-way high-speed train trip, daily breakfast, and more.

For an even greater bucket list experience, upgrade to the Xi'an and Terracotta Warriors package.

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Offer available for a limited time or until sold out.



## *Itinerary* 10 Day 2 for 1 China - Standard itinerary

## Day 1

### Australia - Beijing, China

Today depart from Sydney for Beijing. Fly with Qantas Airlines. Upon arrival, a tour representative will meet you at the airport and then escort you to check into your hotel.

*Overnight*: Beijing Hotel *Meals included*: In flight

## Day 2

### **Tiananmen Square & Forbidden City**

Your exploration of Beijing begins with a visit to Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world, and then takes in the Imperial Palace in the Forbidden City. The Forbidden City, also known officially as the Imperial Palace Museum, was originally constructed by the third Emperor of the Ming Dynasty, Emperor Yong Le, where 24 emperors once lived successionally. The palace was built between 1406 and 1420, but was burnt down, rebuilt, sacked and renovated countless times, so most of the architecture you can see today dates from the 1700's and onwards. Afterwards, visit a Pearl Factory to gain a little knowledge of fresh pearls. Tonight, take the opportunity to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "The Golden Mask Dynasty" (not included).

*Overnight*: Beijing Hotel *Meals included*: Breakfast

### Day 3

### **Great Wall of China**

On the way to the Great Wall, stop at a Jade Museum to learn the history of jade. In Chinese, jade is pronounced as "Yu", and it has a history in China of at least four thousand years. Observe the skilled artisans at work as they create their intricate designs. Afterwards take a scenic drive through the countryside and mountains to reach China's most renowned monument—the Great Wall. You will visit the less-touristed and more original Juyong Pass, avoiding other sections which are the most accessible and consequently most crowded. The Great Wall meanders through China's northern mountain ranges from the Yellow Sea to the Gobi Desert - a distance of more than 3500 miles.

In the afternoon, take the opportunity to join an optional tour (not included) to see Beijing's 700 year old Hutong's (narrow lanes) area by old fashioned pedicab. You will also visit a local family living in a courtyard style home to experience the local customs. The optional tour also includes a visit to Shichahai, a historic scenic area consisting of three lakes (Qianhai, meaning Front Sea; Houhai, meaning Back Sea and Xihai, meaning West Sea), surrounding places of historic interest and scenic beauty and remnants of old-style local residences, Hutong and Courtyard.

*Overnight*: Beijing Hotel *Meals included*: Breakfast and lunch

## Day 4

### **Beijing Zoo**

After breakfast visit Beijing Zoo to see the giant pandas. Then make a stop at the "Tongrentang" to learn more about traditional Chinese medicine and enjoy some free time to shop in Wangfujing, the main shopping district in Beijing.

*Overnight*: Beijing Hotel *Meals included*: Breakfast

## Day 5

### Beijing - Hangzhou (High speed bullet train experience)

Enjoy a high speed bullet train experience from Beijing to Hangzhou today (approximately a 6 hour train ride). Upon arrival you will be transferred to the hotel.

*Overnight*: Pujing Hotel OR Hai Wai Hai Baina Hotel, Hangzhou *Meals included*: Breakfast



# The itinerary

## Day 6

### Hangzhou – Suzhou

Hangzhou is considered the tea capital of China, so a visit to the city just isn't complete without a trip to a local tea house. Make a special visit to the Tea House at Meijiawu Tea Village located at the hinterland of West Lake Park which is considered one of the most important Longjing tea productions in China. Enjoy the beautiful village scenery while learning more about their special tea culture and how to appreciate the sophisticated taste and aroma of Longjing tea. At the Tea House, learn how to make the Longjing Tea including tea leaves picking, frying and tasting. Then enjoy a small boat ride on the West Lake another UNESCO World Heritage Site, admiring the ethereal beauty of Hangzhou's willow draped islands.

Afterwards drive to Suzhou (approximately a 2 hour coach ride). Suzhou, which dates back to 514 BC, is sometimes called the "Venice of the East". Visit Shantang Street, which has a long history of about 1,100 years, its layout and architecture are the best to represent the characteristics of Suzhou's old alleys, and it has connections to many ancient Chinese celebrities and anecdotes. There is an option to take a cruise along the Grand Canal (not included) to view life along China's ancient waterway.

*Overnight*: Vienna International Hotel OR Nanya Hotel, Suzhou *Meals included*: Breakfast

## Day 7

### Suzhou – Shanghai

Today visit the famous Lingering Garden, recognised with other classical Suzhou gardens as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. China is renowned for its exquisite silk, so naturally a visit to the Silk Spinning Factory is in order. Next, drive to Shanghai (approximately a 2 hour coach ride) to visit the famous Bund. Shanghai is divided by the Huang Pu River into eastern and western sections. Modern mega high rises are seen on the eastern side while traditional European style architecture may be seen on the western side. The Bund is a five-block riverfront promenade with many of Shanghai's banks and trading houses. Tonight there is an optional activity to watch a superb and thrilling Chinese Acrobatic Show "ERA: The Intersection of Time" (not included).

*Overnight*: Holiday Inn Express / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao OR Mercure Hotel Hong Qiao, Shanghai *Meals included*: Breakfast

## Day 8

## Shanghai

This morning, step back in time at the Shanghai Museum - home to more than 120,000 objects and artworks. Enjoy some free time at leisure this afternoon or join an optional half-day tour of Shanghai (not included) including Yu Garden, believed to have been built in the Ming Dynasty, more than 400 years ago. The exquisite layout, beautiful scenery, and the artistic style of the garden architecture have made the garden one of the highlights of Shanghai. Other attractions include Xintiandi, Old Town and Nanjing Road. In the evening, take the opportunity to join the optional "Night Cruise on the Huangpu River" (not included).

*Overnight*: Holiday Inn Express / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao OR Mercure Hotel Hong Qiao, Shanghai *Meals included*: Breakfast

## Day 9

### Shanghai, China - Australia

After breakfast enjoy some free time to explore the cosmopolitan Shanghai on your own and bid farewell to China and transfer to the airport for your homeward flight to Australia!

*Please note:* The standard check-out time is 12 noon and for customers with later departure flight times, complimentary luggage storage will be available at the front desk. For guests who want to know more about Shanghai, an optional special Shanghai in-depth tour may be offered (availability dependent on departure flight time)

Meals included: Breakfast and in flight



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Day 10 Arrive in Australia Meals included: Breakfast; In flight

# 10 Day 2 For 1 China with Xi'an upgrade package

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*Overnight*: Grand Noble Hotel, Xian *Meals included*: Breakfast

## Day 5

### Terracotta Warriors & Horses - Hangzhou

The highlight today is a visit to the Terracotta Warriors &



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Horses Museum. Unearthed near Xi'an, the hundreds of life size sculptures of soldiers, chariots, and horses are considered a world wonder. With different facial expressions and weaponry adorning each soldier, the Terracotta Warriors were believed to have been created to accompany the Qin Emperor into the afterlife. This site is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. You will be definitely amazed by the scale of the Terracotta Warriors Army. Afterwards visit the Terracotta Warriors Reproduction Factory and then transfer to Xian Airport for your evening flight to Hangzhou.

*Overnight*: Pujing Hotel or Hai Wai Hai Baina Hotel, Hangzhou *Meals included*: Breakfast

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Day 10 Arrive in Australia



## Tour inclusions

## Highlights

- Discover the highlights of Beijing, Hangzhou, Suzhou and Shanghai
- Visit the impressive Tiananmen Square
- Explore the UNESCO listed Forbidden City
- Walk along the iconic Great Wall of China
- See Giant Pandas at Beijing Zoo
- Enjoy some free time in Beijing's Wangfujing shopping district
- Learn about Longjing Tea at Meijiawu Tea Village, includes tasting
- Enjoy a boat ride on Hangzhou's scenic West Lake
- Wander down ancient Shantang Street in Suzhou
- Visit Suzhou's Lingering Garden and a silk spinning factory
- Explore The Bund promenade in Shanghai
- Visit the inspiring Shanghai Museum
- Learn about pearls at a Freshwater Pearl Centre
- Visit a local Jade Museum and see artisans at work

## **Flights**

- Return international flights (economy class) departing Sydney
- Fly with award-winning Qantas Airways
- Frequent flyer points for Qantas members

## Accommodation

8 nights in 4 star hotel accommodation

## Dining

Enjoy daily breakfast plus 1 feature lunch

## **Tour essentials**

English-speaking local guides

## Transport

- One-way high-speed train from Beijing to Hangzhou (economy class)
- Transportation by A/C vehicles

## **Transfers**

Return airport and rail transfers

## 10 Day 2 for 1 China with Xi'an upgrade

All of the above, plus the following:

- Discover historic Xi'an
- Visit the ancient Terracotta Warriors & Horses, a wonder of the world
- 1 way high speed train from Beijing to Xi'an (economy class)
- 1 way internal flight (economy class) from Xi'an to Hangzhou



## Important information

## **Booking information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 48 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras must be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note:* All additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant (unless otherwise stated).

## **Offer essentials**

- Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 14th November 2018.
- Travel offer is valid for two people based on twin share

*Please note*: Please be advised, 1 voucher is valid for 2 people. When processing your order, please double check the number of vouchers you are purchasing is what you require.

### International passenger movement fee (2nd person travelling only)

Second person travels for free, except for a mandatory \$150 AUD international passenger movement fee payable upon arrival into China.

*Please note*: Once the passenger information form is returned to NRMA this fee becomes non-refundable and will still apply upon arrival into mainland China (whether the 2nd passenger travels or not). This is strictly due to the nature of how flights are booked due to scheduling and availability.

### Single traveller supplement

For solo travellers a full priced voucher must be purchased

## **Departure dates**

Selected dates in 2018 & 2019.

#### **Departure cities** Svdnev

## Flights

### Full service airline(s) used

- International flight: Qantas Airways
- Domestic flight: China Eastern Airlines, Hainan Airlines, Air China or Tianjing Airlines

*Please note*: The maximum baggage allowance is 20kgs.

*Please note*: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

### Arrive early

Not available

### **Stay behind**

Not available

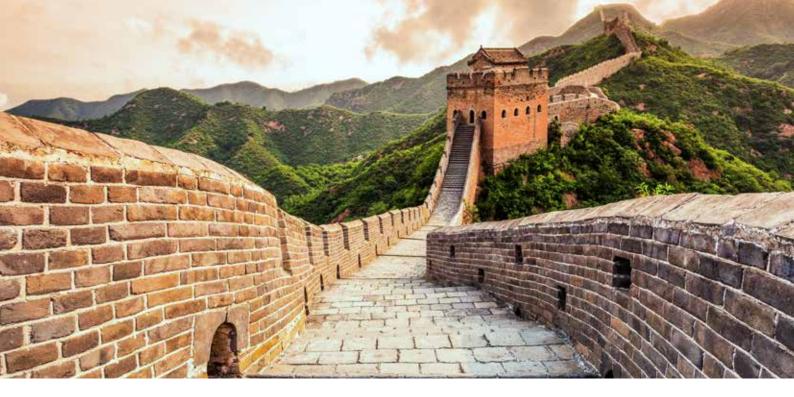
#### Flight class upgrades Not available

## Accommodation

### Accommodation used

### 10 day package

- 4 star (self-rated)
- Suzhou: Vienna International Hotel OR Nanya Hotel
- Hangzhou: Pujing Hotel OR Hai Wai Hai Baina Hotel
- Shanghai: Holiday Inn Express / Howard Johnson Hong Qiao OR Mercure Hotel Hong Qiao



## Important information

• Beijing: Chang An Grand Hotel / Friendship Hotel / Novotel Sanyuan / Ritan International Hotel / Rosedale Hotel & Suites OR Schonbrunn Hotel

### 10 day package with Xian upgrade

4 star (self-rated)

• Xian: Grand Noble Hotel

*Please note*: Rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

### Extra nights

Not available

### Maximum room capacity

3 people (subject to availability)

### **Child policy**

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for all ages

*Please note*: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

### **Triple share**

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

### **Bedding configuration**

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability)

Adjoining rooms (interconnecting rooms) Not available

## **General tour information**

Minimum group size 10, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.

## **Optional tours/activities**

- Beijing: Day 2: Tour 700-year-old Hutong 260 RMB (approx. \$52 AUD)
- Beijing: Day 3: The Golden Mask Dynasty 300 RMB (approx. \$60 AUD)
- Suzhou: Day 6: Grand Canal Cruise 180 RMB (approx. \$36 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 7: ERA and The Intersection of Time 360 RMB (approx. \$71 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 8: Half-day city tour 180 RMB (approx. \$35 AUD)
- Shanghai: Day 8: Huangpu River Night Cruise 220 RMB (approx. \$44 AUD)

*Please note:* Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified. Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements (a tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- International passenger movement fee of \$150 AUD payable direct, upon arrival into China (for 2nd person travelling only)
- Mandatory gratuities/tipping \$10 AUD per person/tour day payable at the beginning of the tour
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (mandatory)

*Please note*: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised before all details can be finalised.



## *Important information* Other important information

## Tour guide vs tour leader

### Tour guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

### Tour leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note*: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

## International passenger movement fee

The Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) is a tax payable by all passengers departing Australia on international flights or sea transport, whether or not the passenger intends to return to Australia. The PMC was introduced in July 1995 (replacing the previous departure tax which commenced in October 1978) and was initially described as a charge to partially offset the cost to government of the provision of passenger facilitation at airports, principally customs, immigration and quarantine functions. The \$150 AUD fee for the second customer is payable on arrival into China to your tour guide (strictly non-refundable once your passenger information form has been returned to the NRMA). As this is a 2 for 1 package, the taxes for one passenger are already included in the deal price. This cost is clearly stated in the advertising, fine print, tour itinerary and your final travel documentation.

## Flights

### **Qantas Frequent Flyer Points**

To earn Qantas Frequent Flyer Points, please provide frequent flyer numbers at the time of check in.

### Advance seat assignments

Advance seat assignment is not available. However, customers can choose their seating at time of check in (subject to availability). Customers are unable to purchase seats via Qantas customer service department, Qantas website or the NRMA.

### **Special meals**

Customers can request one of the following special meals:

• Diabetic, gluten intolerant, Hindu, Kosher, Halal, vegetarian (lacto ovo) or vegan.

*Please note*: All dietary requests must be clearly stated on your NRMA passenger information form only. No other form of late requests will be processed by the airline.



## Other important information

## **Coach tour**

### Meals

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. You can also enquire about any allergies and food and if necessary advise meals to be to be prepared with any medication you require.

### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and offloading of their luggage from the coach.

#### Gratuities

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The Mandatory tip for the tour leader and driver is \$10 AUD per person per day, which will be collected whilst on tour.

### Fitness level required/mobility

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note*: A basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### Visas

A tourist visa for China is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport.

Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

*Please note*: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or a visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.

## **Schedule of fees**

*Please note*: Due to limited availability, passenger name and date changes are strictly prohibited for this offer. This overrides the Schedule of Fees in our standard Terms & Conditions. No refunds will be issued once offer has been purchased.