

China Golden Triangle

10 Days Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai



Highlights

- Walk on the incredible **Great Wall**
- Unfold the mystery of the **Forbidden City**
- Stroll in the exquisite **Summer Palace**
- Gaze in awe at the marvelous **Terracotta Warriors & Horses**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis **Shanghai**

Day 1 • Thursday • New Zealand ✈ Beijing

Fly to Beijing, the capital city of China, via a connecting city. Upon arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel. (Note: Some flights may depart the day before.)

Day 2 • Friday • Beijing • (B, L, S)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the largest public square in the world, and the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Continue on to the **Temple of Heaven**, one of the best examples of Ming Dynasty architecture and also an ornate sanctuary where Chinese emperors offered sacrifices to heaven and prayed for good harvest. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, **Peking Roast Duck**.

Day 3 • Saturday • Beijing • (B, L, D)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall** at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. Visit one of the largest Jade Exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a Cloisonné Factory, and visit the **Changling Exhibition Hall of the Ming Tombs**, where thirteen of the sixteen Ming dynasty emperors are buried. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, "**The Golden Mask Dynasty**" (optional at your own expense).

Day 4 • Sunday • Beijing • (B, L)

Tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient imperial garden in China, and a former summer resort for Emperors. Then, visit a Chinese Herbal Institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine, which has existed for thousands of years. This afternoon, join a "**Hutong Life Tour**" (optional at your own expense), a special journey which explores Beijing's ancient alleyways or "hutongs" by pedicab followed by a stroll in **Wangfujing**, one of the Chinese capital's most famous shopping streets. After dinner, cap off the day by attending a superb and thrilling **Chinese Kung-Fu Show** (optional at your own expense).

Day 5 • Monday • Beijing ✈ Xi'an • (B, L, S)

Fly to Xi'an, the first Chinese city to open its doors to the world during the Tang dynasty, and the capital for eleven dynasties over a period of more than 2,000 years. Today's highlight is a visit to the **Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum**, one of the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th Century, to see the life-sized defending army of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. Later, visit a Ceramics Art Factory, followed by a special **Dumpling Banquet**, to be enjoyed with a performance of music and dance from the Tang Dynasty (618-907 A.D.).



2018 Guaranteed Departures

Package Price per person twin-share

Single Supplement

22 Feb	24 May	23 Aug*
01 Mar [^] *	31 May	30 Aug
08 Mar	07 Jun*	06 Sep**
15 Mar	14 Jun*	13 Sep
22 Mar [^] **	21 Jun*	20 Sep*
29 Mar	28 Jun**	27 Sep*
05 Apr*	05 Jul**	04 Oct*
12 Apr**	12 Jul*	11 Oct*
19 Apr*	19 Jul*	18 Oct
26 Apr*	26 Jul	25 Oct
03 May	02 Aug	01 Nov
10 May	09 Aug	08 Nov
17 May	16 Aug	

(NZD)
\$2,599 **\$700**

Package Inclusions:

- China Eastern/Southern Airlines international & domestic airfare (economy class) and taxes departing Auckland
- Internal flights
- 8 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily meals as indicated (B, L, D)
- Coach transportation & transfers
- Site entry fees
- English speaking tour guide(s)

Package Exclusions:

- Tipping prepaid in New Zealand: NZD\$100/10 Days or NZD\$120/12 days
- China visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Personal expenses

- *Peak Season Surcharge: \$330, ** School Holiday Surcharge: \$440
- Stay Behind Surcharge: From NZD\$275 surcharge (subject to availability and applicable fare difference)
- Pre/Post-Tour Accom. (incl. breakfast): \$85 pp twin-share, \$165 pp single
- Please Note: Flight itineraries are not available until approximately 3 weeks before departure and involve transits
- Child Price: Same as adult



Xi'an

Day 6 • Tuesday • Xi'an • (B, L, D)

Visit the fascinating **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**. Enjoy lunch, featuring a special noodle making demonstration before a visit to the **Ancient City Wall**, the most complete ancient city wall surviving in China. Later, visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city.



Big Wild Goose Pagoda



Old Town

Day 7 • Wednesday • Xi'an ✈ Shanghai • (B, L, D)

Fly to Shanghai - the modern metropolis and commercial centre of China. This morning we visit a Silk Spinning Mill and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. Then we walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by the colonial architectures of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. Continue to the **Old Town** which is a perfect combination of gardens, temples, old architecture, civil culture, business souvenirs and food. In the evening, you may join an optional **"Huangpu River Night Cruise"** (optional at your own expense).

Day 8 • Thursday • Shanghai • (B, L, D)

This morning visit **Shanghai Museum** to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade. Then we explore the **Xintiandi Area**, an affluent and fashionable pedestrian street composed of unique Shikumen (stone gate) and modern architecture style. Our farewell dinner this evening will be a banquet of delicious Shanghai cuisine. You can cap of the celebrations by attending a thrilling optional Chinese acrobatic show - **"ERA: The Intersection of Time"** (optional at your own expense).

Day 9 • Friday • Shanghai ✈ New Zealand • (B)

You are free at leisure before transferring to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight via a connecting city to New Zealand.

Day 10 • Saturday • New Zealand

Arrive home this morning.

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner **S** = Special Banquet

All prices, itineraries, airlines, hotels and cruise ships are subject to availability and change without prior notice. CTS Tours reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar standard and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure the smooth running of the tour. The itinerary and sites to be visited are subject to change due to local and seasonal conditions, time and other unforeseen constraints beyond our control. Passengers must remain with the tour group at all times and must not deviate from the set itinerary. The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

A post-tour extension is available to the surrounding water towns and garden cities of **Suzhou and Hangzhou for 3 days and 2 nights** from NZD\$450 (twin-share); NZD\$165 single supplement.

Optional Post Tour Extension



Suzhou and Hangzhou
3 Days 2 Nights

from \$450

Day 9 • Friday • Shanghai 🚗 Suzhou • (B, L, D)

Travel to Suzhou, an extraordinarily delicate and elegant city which has often been praised as "Paradise on Earth" by poets and writers since ancient times. Visit the **Shanghai Zoo** on the way, to see one of China's national treasures - the Giant Pandas. Upon arrival, take an optional cruise (at your own expense) on the **Grand Canal** to view life along China's golden waterway in its heyday. Suzhou is also known as the "Garden City", due to its many classical gardens known for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction, a prime example being the **Lingering Garden**, one of the four greatest Chinese gardens and a UNESCO world heritage site.



Lingering Garden



West Lake

Day 10 • Saturday • Suzhou 🚗 Hangzhou • (B, L, D)

Travel to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the magnificent **West Lake**, undoubtedly the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for the scenic beauty that blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. Later, on experience oriental tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. After dinner, enjoy an optional open-air performance **"Impression West Lake"**, a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony (optional at your own expense).

Day 11 • Sunday • Hangzhou 🚗 Shanghai ✈ New Zealand • (B)

You are free at leisure before transferring to Shanghai airport to board your overnight flight via a connecting city to New Zealand.

Day 12 • Monday • New Zealand

Arrive home.

Hotel Accommodation *All hotels based on local hotel ratings

Beijing	Loong Palace Hotel	5 Star or similar
Xi'an	Titan Times Hotel	5 Star or similar
Shanghai	Wyndham Bund East Hotel	5 Star or similar
Suzhou	Pan Pacific Hotel	5 Star or similar
Hangzhou	White Horse Lake Hotel	5 Star or similar

Shanghai

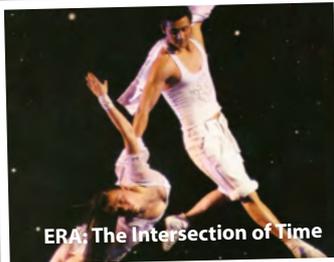




Recommended Excursions

Get to know China better with our list of in-depth excursions recommended to enhance your total experience! Prepay for all optional programs to receive a NZD\$20 discount off the total price.

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	NZD\$80
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	NZD\$75
Beijing	Chinese Kung-Fu Show	NZD\$80
Shanghai	Huangpu River Night Cruise	NZD\$60
Shanghai	ERA: The Intersection of Time	NZD\$80
Suzhou	Grand Canal Cruise	NZD\$40
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	NZD\$85



China Visa

New Zealand passport holders must have a valid visa to enter China. Passports must be valid for at least six months prior to entry. The Chinese visa is only valid for 3 months from the date it is issued so you cannot apply for it too soon in advance. It is typically done 2 months before departure and it normally takes 4-5 working days to process.

Required documentation for China visa application:

- 1) Original Passport (with at least 6 months validity)
- 2) Photocopy of your passport photo page
- 3) Photocopy of your Chinese visa page (If been to China before)
- 4) 1 passport size photo (on proper photo paper)
- 5) Completed China Visa Application Form

Information is subject to change. Please contact us for updates.

Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is highly recommended.

Tipping

Tipping is a firm and expected element in tourism industry today and China is no exception. The nominated tip amount: NZD\$100/10 Days or NZD\$120/12 Days, is to be given to your National Guide at the beginning of your group tour upon arrival at your destination and they will do all the necessary tipping on your behalf. Tipping includes National Guide, local guides, drivers and bell-boys.

Optional Post Tour Extension

Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 5 Days 4 Nights



From \$1,200

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the baggage allowance?

The standard baggage allowance is 20kg for check-in baggage and 5kg for hand carry. For all China domestic flights, all electronics including batteries must be placed in your hand carry. Check-in baggage with electronics will fail X-ray screening.

When is the best time to visit China in terms of climate?

Spring and autumn is generally the best time to visit China when the weather is mild - not too cold and not too hot. Normally, the most comfortable season of the year is early autumn (September to early October). During that period, temperatures are reasonable throughout China with a limited amount of rain. Spring (March to May) can also be delightful with the average temperatures roughly the same as in autumn. Regardless of the time of the year, a visitor will always be rewarded with charming scenery throughout China.

What is the local currency in China?

Chinese money is called Renminbi (RMB) which literally means "The People's Currency". The popular unit of RMB is "yuan". One New Zealand Dollar is currently worth around RMB\$4.95. (AUG 2016)

Your Travel Agent

Post-tour Extension Package

Majestic Yangtze River Cruise

5 Days 4 Nights

Package Price (NZD)
per person twin-share

\$1,200

Single Supplement

\$800

Package Inclusions:

- Economy class domestic flights or high speed train transportation
- All transfers
- Daily meals as indicated (B, L, D)
- Standard Cabin with Private Balcony (twin-share)
- 3 shore excursions (subject to change and local conditions)
- English speaking guide service (on board)

Package Exclusions:

- China visa
- Tipping - NZD\$60
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Personal expenses

Note: Cruise ship is subject to change. Triple share is not available.
* CTS Tours reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard.



After walk along the Great Wall in Beijing, stroll through classic gardens in Suzhou, and immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai, relax as you cruise along the majestic Yangtze River and discover the dramatic gorges, mountain villages and breathtaking scenery.

A Yangtze River cruise is the thrill of a life time. You will enjoy the stunning picturesque scenery and amazing natural beauties of the famed Three Gorges: Qutang Gorge, Wu Gorge and Xiling Gorge, while exploring the historic relics and ancient cultural sites along the mighty river.

Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes including the spectacle of Fengdu Ghost City, a peculiar site that contains statues of demons and ghosts that roam the after-world; the fun of drifting through Shennong Stream, which offers clear running waters, picturesque rock formations, and monkeys and goats along its banks; and the wonder of the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest dam.

A Yangtze River cruise is a visual delight, full of pleasant surprises and many treasures waiting to be discovered. The images will stay with you long after you have returned home.



Luxury 5 Star
President 7
Standard Cabin with Private Balcony

The luxurious President 7 is newly constructed ship with modern design and technique. It first sails on the Yangtze River in April of 2013. With the maximum length of 146.8m and width of 20.2m, the ship possesses 215 deluxe cabins, 13 executive cabins and 2 presidential cabins, which all together could accommodate up to 580 passengers. There are about 200 staff on board offering superior and all - directional service to guests whenever needed. Besides the high-quality service, the ship is also equipped with the most advanced facilities like Satellite Television, Satellite phone and air-conditioning system. You will be impressed by their humanized design of providing large swimming pool, deluxe cinema, Golf driving range, Children's park and barrier-free facilities, which made them quite different from the traditional luxurious cruise ships.

Day 1 • Shanghai > Yichang Yangtze River Cruise • (D)

This morning travel to the port city of Yichang, the starting point of our Yangtze River Cruise for the next four nights. After dinner, we board the cruise and receive an introduction on cruise events and onboard activities.

Arr/Dept	Events
19:00-20:00	Board the ship at Yichang Dock
24:00	Departs Yichang

Day 2 • Yangtze River Cruise • (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
08:00	Briefing on the cruise
08:00-09:00	Passing the Xiling Gorge (East Part)
09:00-11:00	Shore excursion: Three Gorges Dam Site
01:00-13:00	Shore excursion: Visit tribe of Three Gorges (optional)
13:30-15:30	Passing the Three Gorges Dam
16:00	Sail through 5-stage shiplock
18:00	Captain's Welcome Dinner
20:00	Evening entertainment

Day 3 • Yangtze River Cruise • (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
06:30	Breakfast
08:00-12:00	Shore excursion: Shennong Stream
13:30-17:00	Sail through Wu Gorge and Qutang Gorge
17:30	Shore excursion: White Emperor City (optional -River conditions permitting)

Day 4 • Yangtze River Cruise • (B, L, D)

Arr/Dept	Events
07:00	Breakfast
08:30-10:30	Shore excursion: Shibaozhai Pagoda
10:30-12:30	Shore excursion: Fengdu Ghost City (optional)
14:00-16:00	Lectures
18:00	Farewell Dinner

Day 5 • Yangtze River Cruise Chongqing ✈ New Zealand • (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing at 9am. Transfer to the airport for a flight to New Zealand via a connecting city.

