

CHINA DISCOVERY

WITH HONG KONG

BEIJING - WUXI - SUZHOU - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI - HONG KONG



14 DAYS FROM NZD

\$2,699

per person twin-share

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As its name suggests, this tour is designed to give you a sample of China's ancient history, rich culture, delicate cuisine, thriving industries, and modern architecture. Walk along the Great Wall and unfold the mystery of the Forbidden City in China's capital Beijing, discover the exquisite cities of Wuxi, as well as Suzhou and Hangzhou – both cities 'on par with heaven' for their natural beauty, according to a Chinese saying. Before leaving the mainland, immerse yourself in the dynamic and cosmopolitan Shanghai. Due to the popularity of Hong Kong as a mecca for food and shopping, and other assorted charms, we have added a three night stopover there on the return leg of your China Sampler tour.

Image: Forbidden City





Day 1: Arrive in 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 night before.*

Day 2: Beijing (B, L, D)

Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, and the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, **Peking Roast Duck**.

Day 3: Beijing (B, L)

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. You will also visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a **cloisonné factory**. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, **The Golden Mask Dynasty** (at your own expense).

Day 4: Beijing (B, L)

Today tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for emperors, followed by the **Panda House** at Beijing Zoo to see China's adorable national treasure – the Giant Panda. Then visit a Chinese herbal institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine which has existed for thousands of years, as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage. Later, you can join an optional **Hutong Life Tour** (at your own expense), a special journey which explores Beijing's ancient alleyways or 'hutongs' by pedicab, or take a stroll in **Wangfujing**, one of the Chinese capital's most famous shopping streets. Cap off the day by attending a thrilling **Chinese Kung Fu Show** (at your own expense).

HIGHLIGHTS

- Walk on the incredible **Great Wall**
- Uncover the mystery of the **Forbidden City**
- Sit by the tranquil **West Lake in Hangzhou**
- Stroll in one of the finest **Chinese gardens in Suzhou**
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis **Shanghai**
- Enjoy three nights in **Hong Kong**

Day 5: Beijing Wuxi (B, D)

Take a high speed train to Wuxi, an ancient city richly endowed with natural attractions due to its pleasantly warm and moist climate. Wuxi boasts a reputation of being the 'Land of Fish and Rice'. Enjoy the scenery as we pass by **Lake Tai**, the third-largest freshwater lake in China. This evening, we have the option of visiting **Nanchang Street**, and **take a cruise along the Grand Canal** (at your own expense) to view life along what was known as 'China's golden waterway' in its heyday, then stroll along the trendy pedestrian streets composed of both ancient and modern architecture.

Day 6: Wuxi Suzhou (B, L)

This morning visit one of the largest fresh water pearl exhibitions in the country. After lunch, travel by coach to Suzhou, an extraordinarily elegant city with its canals, stone bridges, and meticulously designed gardens. Suzhou has been referred to as 'Paradise on Earth' by Chinese poets and writers since ancient times. As a large area of the city is covered by water, including a vast number of ponds and streams, Suzhou is also known as 'Venice of the East'. It is also known as the 'Garden City' due to its many classical gardens, renowned for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. Visit the **Lingering Garden**, which is among the finest in China.

Day 7: Suzhou Hangzhou (B, L, D)

This morning visit a silk spinning mill, and learn how silk is created from mulberry-munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth. After lunch, travel by coach to Hangzhou, described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Upon arrival, take a boat ride on the serene **West Lake**, the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, and noted for its scenic beauty which blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites. This evening, you can enjoy an optional open-air performance, **Impression West Lake** (at your own expense), a masterpiece created by Zhang Yimou, the director of the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics Games Opening Ceremony.

Day 8: Hangzhou Shanghai (B, L)

Experience tea-tasting at the Dragon Well Tea Plantation. Travel to Shanghai, a vibrant metropolis and the commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, walk along the famous **Bund**, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined with colonial architecture of European design, it is the best place to capture the Western influences of the old days. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure strolling along the bustling shopping district, **Nanjing Road**. Tonight you can watch a superb and thrilling Chinese acrobatic show **ERA: The Intersection of Time or SPIRAL** (at your own expense).

Day 9: Shanghai (B, D)

After breakfast, visit **Jin Mao Tower Observation Deck** (88th floor) for a panoramic view of the Huangpu River and the Bund. After lunch, head to the **Old Street** in the City God Temple area, symbolic of the large temple complex and surrounding traditional district of commerce in the city. After tonight's farewell celebration dinner, you can cap off the celebrations by joining an optional **Huangpu River Cruise** (at your own expense) for a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai.

Day 10: Shanghai Hong Kong (B)

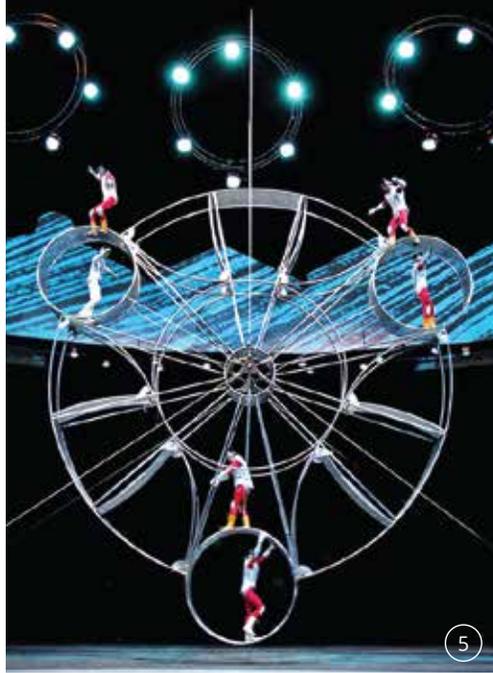
After breakfast, transfer to Shanghai airport to board your flight to Hong Kong. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel to enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 11: Half-day Hong Kong Island Tour (B)

Enjoy a half-day tour of Hong Kong Island visiting **Victoria Peak** for incredible views of the city, **Stanley Market** for shopping, and **Aberdeen Fishing Village**, to see sampans and houseboats framed against the soaring skyscrapers of the city. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

- Images: 1. Wuxi Canal
2. West Lake
3. Forbidden City
4. Shanghai city skyline
5. ERA: The Intersection of Time
6. Giant Panda
7. City God Temple
8. Victoria Peak
9. Ocean Park





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Xi'an Terracotta Warriors 2 Nights
 fr NZD\$650; single supplement NZD\$135; includes
 + Economy class flights
 + 2 nights hotel accommodation (twin-share)
 + 2 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L) & 1 dinner (D)
 + Coach transportation & transfers
 + Entrance fees to scenic attractions
 + English speaking tour guide
 Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$35
 A Surcharge may apply

Day 1: Arrive in Xi'an
 Board your international flight from Australia for a connecting flight via an intermediate city to Xi'an. Your tour guide will greet you at the airport and then transfer you to your hotel to rest.

Day 2: Xi'an (B, L, D)
 The highlight today is a visit to the **Terracotta Army** to see the life-sized defending army of the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. This will be followed by a visit to a ceramic art factory. In the evening, enjoy a special **Imperial Dumpling Banquet** and **traditional Tang Dynasty Singing & Dancing Show**.

Day 3: Xi'an ✕ Beijing (B, L)
 After breakfast, visit the **Shaanxi Provincial History Museum**. Enjoy a special noodle lunch including an interesting noodle making demonstration. Then visit the **Great Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the city. Later, walk along the **Ancient City Wall**, which is one of the largest ancient military defence systems in the world. Fly to Beijing in the evening to core China tour.



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Day 12: Hong Kong (B)
 Today is free and easy at your leisure. Track down some famous Hong Kong red roast pork or dumpling noodle soup, photograph the densely built-up cityscape, or just lose yourself in the hustle and bustle of this unique island metropolis. If you are out of ideas, you may choose to join one of our optional activities.

Day 13: Depart Hong Kong (B)
 Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Day 14: Arrive Home

2019 DEPARTURES

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

*Peak season surcharge: NZD\$330
 **School holiday surcharge: NZD\$440
[^]Yangtze River cruise extension is not available
 Single supplement: NZD\$935

✕ DEPARTURE OPTIONS

· AKL: Airfare included

+ INCLUSIONS

- + Airfares, taxes & fuel surcharges departing SYD/MEL/BNE with Cathay Pacific
- + 12 nights 4-5 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 12 breakfasts (B), 6 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)
- + Internal flights (operated by a local carrier)
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Entrance fees to scenic attractions
- + English speaking tour guide(s)

✕ EXCLUSIONS

- Prepaid tipping: NZD\$110 · China visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

✕ AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr NZD\$2420
- Business class: Cathay Pacific fr \$4510

🕒 EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Break fee: fr NZD\$275
- Hotel w/breakfast: fr NZD\$165/twin-room/night

🚗 HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

Beijing	Wyndham Beijing North
Suzhou	Pan Pacific Hotel
Wuxi	Days Hotel Baile Wuxi
Hangzhou	Merchant Marco Garden Hotel
Shanghai	Radisson Exhibition Centre Shanghai
Hong Kong	Harbour Plaza 8 Degrees

🎈 OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (NZD)

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$85
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	\$80
Beijing	Chinese Kung Fu Show	\$85
Wuxi	Grand Canal Cruise	\$40
Hangzhou	Impression West Lake	\$90
Shanghai	ERA: The Intersection of Time OR Spiral	\$85
Shanghai	Huangpu River Cruise	\$45
Hong Kong		

Big Bus Single Route \$50

Big Bus Classic Tour (1 day validity) (Red, Blue & Green routes + Sky100 Observation Deck + Sampan Ride) \$85

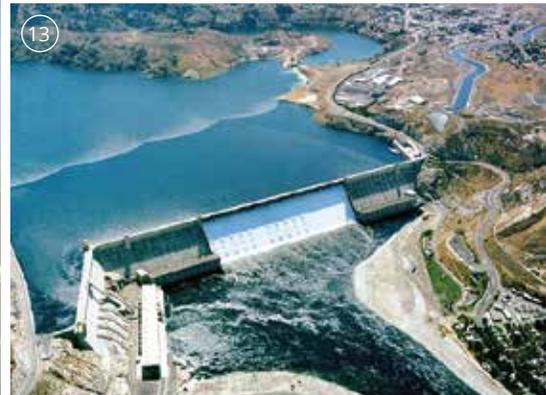
Ocean Park General Admission + Transfers \$110

Disneyland Admission + One Way Transfer \$150

Tsing Ma Lantau Monastery Tour + Vegetarian Lunch \$180

Macau Day Tour + Lunch \$180

All prices are per person twin-share in NZD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice. Itineraries, airlines, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations. Passengers must remain with the group at all times. Fees may apply for deviations from the set itinerary. Total length of trip includes time spent in flight and is subject to flight schedule. Final itineraries and flight info may not be available until 2 weeks before departure. Booking conditions apply, refer to website for latest information. ver02JUL2018



VICTORIA SOPHIA (or similar)

After the tour, relax as you cruise along the majestic Yangtze River. Discover the dramatic gorges, mountain villages and breathtaking scenery. A Yangtze River cruise is the thrill of a lifetime. The images will stay with you long after you have returned home.

EXECUTIVE SERVICE PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

VICTORIA CRUISES - NZD\$165

- Complimentary Wi-Fi service in the Executive Lounge and Lobby areas
- Complimentary Regular Laundry Service before 10AM every day (Maximum of four pieces/person/dayday, not available on embarkation & disembarkation days)
- Complimentary Shoe Shine Service
- Diet soda included for lunch and dinner service
- Complimentary house wine and beer offerings at dinner
- Beverage service available daily in Executive Lounge incl. cookies, soft drinks, tea & coffee
- Afternoon Happy Hour an hour before dinner (House Wine, beer, and soda). Note: No Happy Hour on the second day
- You may choose which dining room you prefer for your meals—downstairs buffet for all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), or upstairs on Deck 6 for buffet breakfast and lunch, a la carte for dinner.

 YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE EXTENSION

fr NZD\$1050; single supplement NZD\$825; includes

+ Economy class flights

+ 4 nights standard Cabin with private balcony (twin-share)

+ 4 breakfasts (B), 3 lunches (L) & 4 dinners (D)

+ All transfers

+ 3 shore excursions (subject to change & favourable weather conditions)

Excludes prepaid tipping: NZD\$55 & optional shore excursions

Note: Cruise ship is subject to change. Triple share is not available. Nexus Holidays reserves the right to substitute the ship with one of similar standard. Cruise itinerary including all arrival, departure times & shore excursions are subject to change.

Images: 10. Yangtze River

11. Victoria Sophia

12. Shennong Stream

13. Three Gorges Dam

Day 10: Shanghai ✈️ Yichang 🚢 Yangtze River Cruise (D)

This morning fly 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 11: 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
11:00-13:00 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 12: 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 13: 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)
18:00 Captain's Farewell Dinner

Day 14: Depart Chongqing (B)

After breakfast, disembark from our cruise in the port city of Chongqing. Transfer to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong.