

Option B

# Xi'an + Chengdu (Giant Panda) + Yangtze River Cruise













# Day 1 (08Sep): Depart Auckland

Fly from Auckland to Xi'an via a connecting city.

#### Day 2 (09Sep): Arrive in Xi'an (L/D)

Arrive in 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. Our highlight today is a visit to the Terracotta Army & Horses Museum, to see the lifesized defending army to the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is among the most significant archaeological excavations of the 20th century. Later, visit a ceramic arts factory, followed by a special Dumpling Banquet.

# Day 3 (10Sep): Xi'an (B, L, D)

This morning we visit the fascinating Shaanxi Provincial Museum, followed the Ancient City Wall, the most complete ancient city wall to survive in China. Later, visit the Great Wild Goose Pagoda, the symbol of the city.

Tonight enjoy highlight of your trip, Chang'an Impression Show - Tang Dynasty Grand Welcoming Ceremony organised by the China National Tourism.

# Day 4 (11Sep): Xi'an Chengdu (B, D)

This morning we take high speed train (approx 4 hours) to Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province. This evening we will feast on sumptuous Sichuan cuisine.

Hotel: Lyhn International Hotel or similar 4star hotel

# Day 5 (12Sep): Chengdu (B, L, D)

Today's highlight is a visit to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. This is the best place to see Chengdu's most famous residents being reared in surroundings resembling their natural habitat. Later, return

to Chengdu and explore the dynamic folk custom street, Jin Li, and experience the lifestyle of Old Chengdu. This evening, you can watch a fascinating show featuring 'face changing' (at your own expense), a kind of magic traditional Chinese dramatic art that is the pride of Sichuan opera.

# Day 6 (13Sep): Chengdu Leshan Chengdu (B, L)

Today we will travel to Leshan to marvel at the Grand Buddha, an enormous statue carved into the side of the Lingyun Mountain. The Buddha is over 71m tall and is wide enough for over 100 people to sit between its feet. Transfer back to the city and free to explore this city on your own pace.

# Day 7 (14Sep): Chengdu Chongqing (B)

Free at leisure before we transfer to railway station to take high speed train to Chongqing, the starting point of our Yangtze River Cruise for the next 3 nights. Note: Cruise subject to change.

# Day 8-9 (15-16Sep): Yangtze River Cruise (B, L, D)

We enjoy the beautiful scenery as we cross through the Yangtze Three Gorges: Qutang, Wu and Xiling. Enjoy shore excursions to explore the fascinating history and tranquil landscapes. Enjoy a tour to the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest, before cruising on the Yangtze River.

# Day 10 (17Sep): Yangtze River Cruise Yichang (B)

We disembark from our cruise in the port city of Yichang this morning and you are transferred to airport to board your flight to Auckland via a connecting city.

# Day 11 (18Sep): Arrive Auckland

Arrive back to Auckland.

# Package price: from \$2699 per person twin share Single Supplement: \$660

#### Inclusions:

International airfare (economy class) departing Auckland

4 star hotel accommodation based on twin share

Victoria cruise with shore excursion

Xi'an/Chengdu/Chongqing high speed train 2nd class ticket

Coach transfer

Meals as listed in the itinerary

Sightseeing and entrance fees

English-speaking guide

Tipping to guide and driver

# **Exclusions:**

Chinese visa fee

Travel insurance

Personal expenses

Compulsory tipping for cruise staff Chinese currency CNY150 per person Surcharge on airfare for departing beyond Auckland

#### **Terms & Conditions:**

- \*All prices are per person twin-share in NZD unless otherwise stated and subject to revision without notice.
- \*Itineraries, airlines, flights, hotels & ships are subject to availability and change.
- \*Surcharge for pre and/or post tour accommodation from \$85 per person per night will apply base on airlines and flight availability.
- \*CTS Tours 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.
- \*Final itineraries and flight information may not be available until 2 weeks before departure at the latest.
- \*Reservations; Deposit & Balance

All bookings will need to be accompanied by a fully signed and completed booking form. A non-refundable deposit of \$1000 per person is required within 7 days of confirmation, otherwise booking will be subject to automatic cancellation. Booking Forms need to be forwarded to CTS Tours along with the passport copies of the passengers. Final balance of payments are required 90 days prior to departure. If for any reasons a tour is forced to be cancelled, the client will be offered an alternative tour. Should the offer be unsuitable to the client, all money collected will be fully refunded. CTS Tours reserves the right to correct any errors in rates quoted or calculated or any omissions made at any time during your booking.

\*Cancellation or Refund

Should a client cancel a booking for any reason the following cancellation fees will apply:

- 1. If the booking cancelled up to 90 days or more prior to departure; loss of deposit plus administration fees plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.
- 2. If booking cancelled between 61-89 days prior to departure; loss of deposit and 50% of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.
- 3. If booking cancelled between 31-60 days prior to departure; loss of deposit and 75% of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.
- 4. If booking cancelled 30 days or less prior to departure; loss of deposit and 100% of total booking cost plus the cost of the air and cruise tickets.