

A China-New Zealand Year of Tourism Special

ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME INVITATION

Be our guest and enjoy

The Tang Dynasty Style Welcoming Ceremony

Tuesday, 10th of September 2019

Xi'an China

Exclusive Group Tour Options

(*Terms & Conditions apply)



Option G

Xi'an + Shanghai and surroundings + Shandong Confucius Culture Tour



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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 Shanghai Suzhou (B, L, D)

This morning we fly to Shanghai, the modern metropolis and commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, we travel by coach to Suzhou, known as the 'Venice of the East' or 'Garden City' due to its many classical gardens known for their charming natural beauty and harmonious construction. This morning we take a Grand Canal Cruise and visit the Linger Garden, one of the four greatest Chinese gardens and a UNESCO world heritage site. We then visit a silk spinning mill and learn how silk is created from mulberry munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth.

Day 5 (12Sep): Suzhou Wuzhen (B, L, D)

Today, we explore beautiful Wuzhen water town built on stilts over a system of canals, with traditional wooden homes and stone bridges.

Day 6 (13Sep): Wuzhen Shanghai (B, L, D)

This morning we travel by coach back to Shanghai and walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Lined by colonial architecture of European design, this area is the best place to capture the western influences of the old days. We then continue to the Old Town which is a perfect combination of gardens, temples, old architecture, civil culture, business, souvenirs and food. After dinner, you may join an optional Huangpu River Cruise and get a glimpse of the dazzling and

charming night view of Shanghai.

Day 7 (14Sep): Shanghai (B, L, D)

This morning we visit the Shanghai Museum to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade followed by a Jade Exhibition. 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 off the celebrations by attending a thrilling optional Chinese acrobatic show. (at your own expense).

Day 8 (15Sep): Shanghai Jinan (B/D)

This morning we take high speed train (approx 4.5 hours) to Jinan, capital of Shandong province, the city of springs! Upon arrival, transfer to visit the famous Baotu Spring. This spring, which has water jutting up from beneath, is one of the three main attractions that you cannot miss while you are in Jinan. As the saying goes, you have not been to Jinan if you have not visited Baotu Spring. Continue to Daming Lake Park. Afterwards, transfer to hotel.

Day 9 (16Sep): Jinan Qufu (B, L, D)

Transfer to Qufu in southwestern Shandong (it will take around 2.5 hours by car) to see the famous Confucius Mansion, Confucius Temple and Cemetery, also called "The Three Memorial Edifices of Confucius.", The Confucius Temple, The Confucius Mansion and The Cemetery of Confucius.

Day 10 (17Sep): Qufu Taian Jinan (B, L, D)

Your morning transfer (about 1.5 hours) from Qufu to Mt. Tai which is one of the Five Sacred Mountains in China, known as the Mount of the East, the Mountain of the Gods, and the Eastern Peak of Heaven. You will visit Dai Temple, and climb up to Mount Tai for a glimpse of Puzhao Temple and Bixia Temple. There is a poem to describe the mountain as "When reaching the great peak of Mount Tai, we hold all mountains in a single glance". Transfer back to Jinan after tour.

Day 11 (18Sep): Depart Jinan (B)

Free at leisure before you are transferred to airport to board your flight to Auckland via a connecting city.

Day 12 (19Sep): Arrive Auckland

Arrive back to Auckland.

**Package price: from \$3299 per person twin share
Single Supplement: \$600**

Inclusions:

International airfare (economy class) departing Auckland
Xi'an/Shanghai airfare (economy class)
Shanghai/Jinan high speed train 2nd class ticket
4 star hotel accommodation base on twin share
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
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.