



Friendly Shandong Confucius Culture Famil (26Oct-01Nov2018)

This itinerary is the most essential Confucian cultural tour of Shandong.

You are about to experience the beauty of the springs, the stunning views of Mount Tai and the hometown of Confucius.

Follow this itinerary to create a trip full of memories to last a lifetime. Your first stop along the tour is Jinan, famous for its springs and pleasant weather. Towering mountains, bubbling springs, lakes, rivers and the city blend together, creating the perfect mix of attractions. All the natural views make this garden city one of the most unique destinations in northern China.

Next, head to Qufu, known best as the hometown of Confucius. Located within this small town are the Confucius Mansion, Confucius Temple and Cemetery in Qufu, known collectively as “The Three Memorial Edifices of Confucius”.

You can experience the rich cultural history of Confucianism in the area in which it thrived.

Day 1 (26Oct) Auckland/Guangzhou

Tonight we will meet outside the China Southern Airlines check in counter at Auckland International Airport at 19:30 and fly overnight with China Southern Airlines CZ306 (22:45/06:00+1) bound for Guangzhou.



Day 2 (27Oct) Guangzhou/Jinan (Dinner)

Arrive in Guangzhou at 06:00am, then connect to your flight CZ3509 (08:20/11:10) to Jinan.

Arrive into Jinan, the city of springs! Your tour guide will meet you and transfer you to hotel. Free at leisure for the rest of the day.

Day 3 (28Oct) Jinan-Qufu (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

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 4 (29Oct) Qufu-Taian (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

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”.





Day 5 (30Oct) Tai-Jinan (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

After breakfast, transfer back to Jinan. 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. Free at leisure.



Day 6 (31Oct) Jinan-Guangzhou (Breakfast/Dinner)

Free at leisure until your transfer to airport for your China Southern flight CZ3712 (18:50/21:40) to Guangzhou. Continue to connect your China Southern flight CZ305 (01Nov, 00:30/16:30) back to Auckland.

Day 7 (01Nov) Arrival Auckland

Arrive back in Auckland at 16:30.

Price: \$999 per person twin share

Single room supplement: \$399

Price includes

China Southern Airlines economy class air tickets Auckland-Guangzhou-Jinan-Guangzhou-Auckland

4 star hotel accommodation (twin share) with daily breakfast

Meals as indicated

Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees

English-speaking guide

Tipping to guide and driver



Price excludes

Visa fee (\$140 single entry visa for NZ passport, fee may vary for other passports)

Personal expenses

Travel insurance

***For agents travelling from out of Auckland, please make your own flight arrangements to meet group in Auckland**

***Places are limited**

***Travel date may change slightly base on registration and seat availability**

***CTS Tours reserves the right to provide substitutes of similar quality and adjust the itinerary as we see fit to ensure smooth operations.**

Deadlines:

RSVP to ctstours@chinatravel.co.nz by Wed, 12 Sep

Non-refundable deposit \$350: Fri, 14Sep

Balance payment plus visa fee: Fri, 21Sep

Passport, completed visa form, 1 photo couriered to CTS for visa: Mon, 24Sep

Final itinerary: Tue, 16Oct