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Friendly Shandong Confucius Culture plus Shanghai Famil 2018

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.

On the way back, stopover in Shanghai and walk along the Bund, taste Dim Sim lunch, tour Yu Garden and the Old Town followed by Huangpu River Cruise. Enjoy your free time for shopping in Shanghai before your flight back to Auckland.

Day 1 (18Sep) Auckland/Shanghai
Tonight we will meet at Auckland International Airport and fly China Eastern overnight to Shanghai. (MU780, 2100/0555+1)

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Day 2 (19Sept) Shanghai/Jinan (Lunch/Dinner)

Arrive into Shanghai, then connect to your China Eastern flight to Jinan. (MU2441, 1020/1215)

Arrive into Jinan, the city of springs! Your tour guide will meet you and transfer you 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.

Free at leisure.

Day 3 (20Sep) 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.

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Day 4 (21Sep) Qufu-Taian-Jinan (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". Transfer back to Jinan after tour.

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Day 5 (22Sep) Jinan/Shanghai (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

Transfer to airport for your China Eastern flight (MU5534, 0730/0915) to Shanghai. Upon arrival Shanghai, meet and transfer for a walk along the famous Bund, a mile-long stretch along the Huangpu River. Then taste the famous Xiao Long Bao at a Shanghai Dim Sim restaurant for lunch. After lunch, head to Yu Garden and the Old Town, 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 Huangpu River Night Cruise and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai.

Day 6 (23Sep) Shanghai/Auckland(B)

Free to explore until your late night transfer to the airport for your China Eastern flight to Auckland. (MU779, 24SEP, 0030/1610)

Day 7 (24Sep) Arrival Auckland

Arrive back in Auckland.

Price: $799 per person twin share
Single room supplement: $259

Price includes

China Eastern Airlines economy class air tickets Auckland-Shanghai-Jinan-Shanghai-Auckland

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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**
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Deadlines:
RSVP to ctstours@chinatravel.co.nz by 27Aug
Non-refundable deposit $350: 29Aug
Balance payment plus visa fee: 31Aug
Passport, completed visa form, 1 photo couriered to CTS for visa: 31Aug
Final itinerary: 11Sep