

China-New Zealand Year of Tourism

Once-in-a-life-time

Itinerary 4A (valid from April 2019)

12 days Beijing,
Xi'an, Shanghai, Suzhou



Package price from: \$2899 per person twin share, incl airfare
(save up to \$500 on similar itineraries)

Land only package: \$1699 per person, twin share, excl airfare

Single Supplement: \$549

Tour Highlights:

- Uncover the mystery of the Forbidden City
- Explore the majestic Great Wall
- Enjoy Beijing's ancient Hutong alleyways by pedicab
- Stroll in Wanfujing pedestrian shopping street
- The Grand Tang Dynasty Welcoming Ceremony in Xi'an, a red carpet event exclusively for Kiwis
- Terracotta Army & Horses, the most significant archaeological excavation of the 20th century
- Shaanxi Provincial Museum, one of the top state class museums in China
- Immerse yourself in the bustling metropolis Shanghai
- Visit one of the finest Chinese gardens in Suzhou
- Learn how silk is created from mulberry munching silkworms to produce the finest thread and cloth
- Take a cruise on the Grand Canal
- Visit the Old Town in Shanghai
- Enjoy unique Shanghai cuisine



ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME INVITATION

Exclusively hosting the first
1,000 eligible
New Zealand
applicants



A China-New Zealand
Year of Tourism Special

The Tang Dynasty Style Welcoming Ceremony

10th September, 2019
Xi'an, China

Included



Day 1 (05Sep): Departure Auckland (no meal)

Take flight from Auckland to Beijing.



Day 2 (06Sep): Arrive at Beijing (B, L)

Beijing has served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Upon arrival, have breakfast. Today we start our city tour with a visit to **Temple of Heaven**, which was used by emperors in ancient times to offer sacrifices to heaven and pray for good harvest. Continue to visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, followed by a visit to the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to the Qing dynasty. After lunch, transfer back to hotel for rest.

Day 3 (07Sep): Beijing (B, L)

Our highlight today is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall at Juyongguan section**. Today you will stopover at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. Followed by an outside view of the beautiful **Bird's Nest** (National Stadium) and **Water Cube** (National Aquatics Centre), both purposely built for the 2008 Olympics. Late afternoon, transfer back to hotel and free to explore.

Day 4 (08Sep): Beijing (B, L)

This morning we tour the exquisite **Summer Palace** (Imperial Garden), the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for Emperors. Then visit the **pearl store**. In the afternoon, we explore Beijing's ancient **Hutong** alleyways by pedicab, followed by a stroll in **Wangfujing**.



Day 5 (09Sep): Beijing Xi'an (B, L, D)

This morning fly to 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 6 (10Sep): Xi'an (B, L, D)

This morning we visit the fascinating **Shaanxi Provincial Museum**. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively **Muslim Quarter and market**, visit the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

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

Day 7 (11Sep): Xi'an Shanghai (B, L)

This morning we fly to Shanghai, the modern metropolis and commercial centre of China. Upon arrival, we explore the **Xintiandi Area**, an affluent and fashionable pedestrian street composed of unique shikumen (stone gate) and modern architecture style. Then transfer back to hotel.



Day 8 (12Sep): Shanghai (B, L)

This morning we visit the **Shanghai Museum** to see ancient Chinese art, furniture and jade followed by a **Jade Exhibition**. Then, 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. Continue to visit the **Old Town**, which is a perfect combination of gardens, temples, old architecture, civil culture, business, souvenirs and food. Later, you may join an optional Huangpu River Cruise (at your own expense) and get a glimpse of the dazzling and charming night view of Shanghai.

Day 9 (13Sep): Shanghai Suzhou Shanghai (B, L)

Today, 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 **Lingering 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. After tour finishes, transfer back to Shanghai.



Day 10 (14Sep): Shanghai (B)

Free day.

Day 11 (15Sep): Depart Shanghai (B)

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

Day 12 (16Sep): Arrive Auckland

Arrive back to Auckland.

Inclusions:

- * International and China domestic airfare (economy class) departing Auckland
- * 4 star hotel accommodation based on twin share
- * Coach transfer
- * Meals as listed in the itinerary
- * Sightseeing and entrance fees
- * English-speaking guide

Exclusions:

- * Prepaid tipping: \$120 per person
- * Chinese visa fee
- * Travel insurance
- * Personal expenses
- * Optional Huangpu River Cruise \$50 (Chinese currency CNY230) 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.

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.