

VACATIONS *my Style*

China Trip

July 15 – August 6 (23 days & 22 nights)



Day 1: Arrival Beijing (July 15)

Meals: No Meals

Accommodation: **Hotel Cote Cour Beijing (5 stars)**

- Arrive in Beijing, you'll be greeted by our local guide at the airport with TCT signboard.
- Then our guide will transfer you to check in hotel.
- Free at leisure for the rest of the day for you to get over the jet lag.

Day 2: Beijing

Meals: Hotel Breakfast, A la carte Chinese lunch

Accommodation: **Hotel Cote Cour Beijing (5 stars)**

- TCT local guide will meet you at your hotel lobby at the appointed time. It will be an exciting day as we will explore the world well-known wonders today.

- The 1st stop is **Temple of Heaven**, the existing largest structure for sacrifice to heaven and a place where the emperors prayed for a year of abundance. In the visit of Temple of Heaven, you will be astonished by the exquisite ancient Chinese architectures. Besides, you will see local seniors doing morning exercises in the square and full of vigor. You will have chance to watch Chinese Kungfu, Taiichi, square dancing, playing cards, playing chess etc.



- Then we will move to a less commercial Hutong nearby. A short walking along the authentic **Beijing Hutong** will give you a deep impression of the local residents' life. A la carte lunch is served at a local restaurant to have a taste of the authentic Chinese food at noon time and have a break at the restaurant.



- Then continue this Beijing city treasure city by a visit to **Tiananmen Square**, the world's largest city square, & the locality of numerous major political & historical events. It's the witness of Chinese development.



- It is only a walking distance from Tiananmen Square to **Forbidden City**, the world's existing largest and most complete ancient wooden structure buildings. You will explore the glorious palace halls and gardens for more than 2 hours in Forbidden City, learning the legendary story of the emperors and how the royal family lived there. You will be stunned by the numerous old art treasures exhibited in halls.



- Drive back to hotel, we will have a stop at **pearl store** en route.

- Feel free to consult with your local guide about the evening activities in Beijing, such as the night shows.

Day 3: Beijing

Meals: Hotel Breakfast, A la Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Hotel Cote Cour Beijing (5 stars)**

- Your guide will pick you up from your hotel lobby to visit **Mutianyu Great Wall**, one of the famous sections of China Great Wall. It takes about 2 hours driving from the downtown of Beijing to Mutianyu Great Wall. Mutianyu Great Wall was first built in the mid-6th century during the Northern Qi, making it older than the Badaling section. (**Cable car and slideway are available at Mutianyu Great Wall. It is optional and excluded from our price**).



- A la carte lunch is arranged at a good restaurant at the foot of Mutianyu. Drive back to downtown of Beijing. We will have a stop at a **tea store** en route.

- Then visit **Ming Tombs** in the afternoon. The tour finishes by dropping off at your hotel.

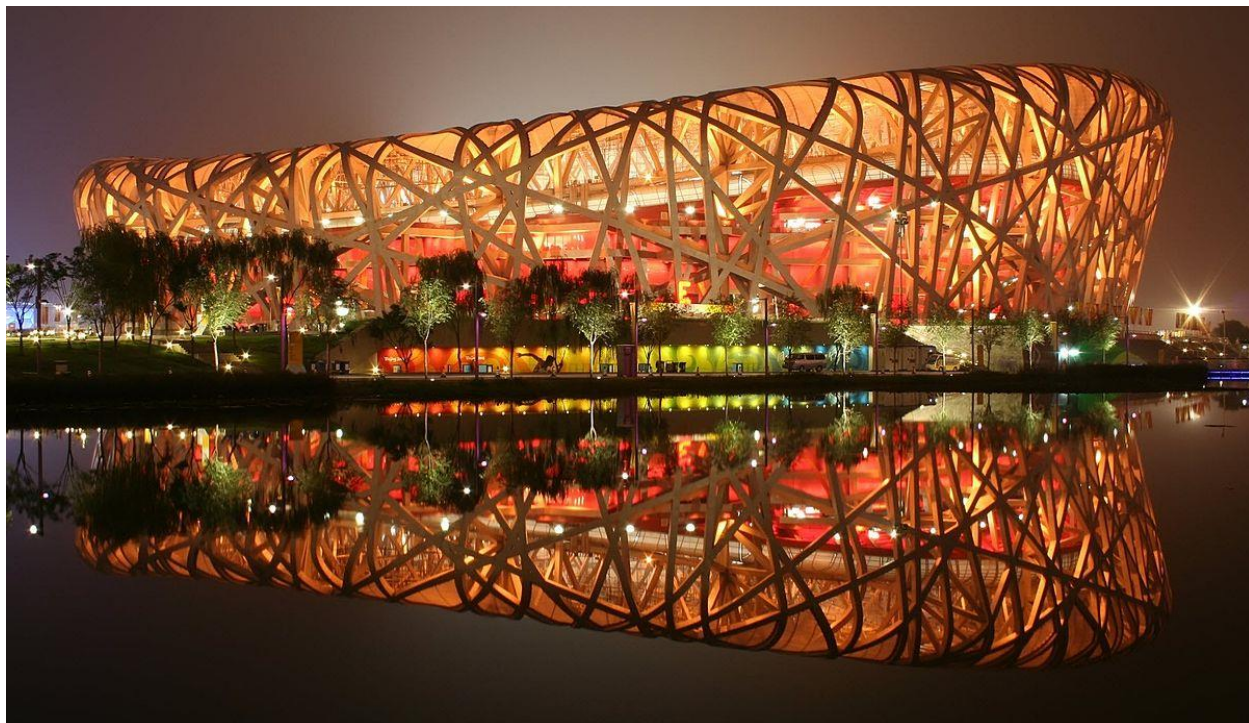


Day 4: Beijing

Meals: Hotel Breakfast, A la Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Hotel Cote Cour Beijing (5 stars)**

- Today we will have a photo stop outside **the Bird Nest and Water Cube**, which were the famous sites constructed for 2008 Beijing Olympic.



- A la carte lunch will be arranged at a local restaurant. In the afternoon, **Summer Palace**, the existing largest, best-preserved imperial garden in China. The Longevity Hill and Kunming Lake are regarded as the representative of Summer Palace. In the park, you could choose to take a **boating trip on the lake**, enjoying the beautiful royal garden view. Walk along **the Long Corridor**--- the longest corridor in the world, admiring the extremely rich and prestigious paintings on the beams of the corridor.



- Then Drive to **Back Lakes (Hou-Hai)**, the marvelous place to discover the history of Beijing City and the endless charm.



- Walk into **Nanluoguxiang Alley** which is one of the most famous Hutong districts in Beijing and mix of history, fashion and Souvenir Boutique.

- Back to your hotel after today leisure tour. If you would like to try local specialty tonight, you could ask for some suggestion about Peking Roast Duck Restaurant.

Day 5: Beijing--Xian

Meals: Hotel breakfast, A La Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Eastern House Boutique Hotel (5 stars)**

- Free day in the morning, check out from hotel and be transferred to **Beijing West Railway Station to take high speed train (2nd class seat, duration: about 5-5.5 hours) from Beijing to Xi'an.**
- TCT guide will wait at the exit of Xi'an train station with our signboard and transfer you to check in hotel.
- Free at leisure for the rest of the time.

Day 6: Xian

Meals: Hotel breakfast, A La Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Eastern House Boutique Hotel (5 stars)**

- Pick up from hotel in the morning, and then have a visit to the landmark of Xi'an---**Xian City Wall**. You could choose to have a bicycle riding on the city wall (Bicycle riding is optional & excluded from our price).



- An impressive **Tai Chi Chuan course** is arranged at the City Wall for you. Originating from the roots of classical Chinese culture, Tai Chi Chuan absorbed a variety of sources including the Book of Changes, Taoism and Buddhism. With a professional Tai Chi Master's teaching, you will understand Chinese culture better.



- On the way to Terracotta Warriors, we will have a stop at a **pottery workshop**, where you will have chance to learn how to make a pottery figure.



- A la carte lunch is arranged at a local restaurant nearby Terracotta Warriors.

- In the afternoon, we will have enough time to visit this world wonder; **The Terracotta Warriors**, one of the world's most important archaeological finds, with troops, horses and carriages in battle formation.



- The tour finishes by dropping-off at the hotel lobby. You could ask your local guide for some information about evening entertainment or night show, such as Tang Dynasty Show.

Day 7: Xian—Guilin

Meals: Hotel breakfast, A La Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Secret Courtyard Resort (5 stars)**

- You will have a leisure morning to walk around. We will check out at noon time and drive to have lunch directly.

- In the afternoon, Visit **the Small Wild Goose Pagoda**, one of the most well-preserved Tang Dynasty buddha temples. It is reputed as the Tang Dynasty elaborate and valuable Buddhist architectural heritage.



- While visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, you will have chance to watch the **traditional shadow play**, visit **Jianfu Temple** as well as **Xi'an Museum**.



- Take a night flight or late afternoon from Xi'an to Guilin.

Day 8: Guilin--Yangshuo—Guilin

Meals: Hotel breakfast, Lunch in the cruise

Accommodation: **Secret Courtyard Resort (5 stars)**

- In the morning you will be driven to the **Zhujiang Pier for the Li River Cruise** (about 4 hours from Guilin to Yangshuo). Savor the fairy-tale scenery while cruising down the meandering river to Yangshuo.



- After disembarkation, you can have a walk along the **famous West Street** and enjoy the free leisure time there before driving back to overnight in Guilin.

- **Bamboo Rafting** in Yangshuo and **Hot Air Balloon Ride** will be arranged today.



- If you would like to stay in Yangshuo longer and know more about the night show or evening entertainment, do not hesitate to ask your local guide, who'd be very willing to help you.

- The **Show of Impression Liusanjie** is highly recommended as an optional activity in Yangshuo if you are interested in.

Day 9: Guilin-Longji

Meals: Hotel breakfast, A La Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Yunzhahui Muquan Boutique Hotel (5 stars)**

- Good to know: **Comfortable sneaker and clothing is necessary today as tourists need to walk for a while to the village**, which is located at a hillside. Sedan chair is available as an option for those who walk at mountainous area with difficulty or has a bad knee. Sunglasses, sunscreen and hat are suggested if you travel in summer and autumn.

- The local tour guide picks you up from hotel lobby in the morning. It takes about 2 hours driving from downtown of **Guilin to Longji Rice Terraces Scenic Area (Dragon's Back)**. The magnificent terraces are built into the hillsides and look like great steps cut into the slopes as they wind around the mountainsides.



- Lunch will be arranged at a local restaurant in Ping'an Zhuang Village, which is just located in the rice terraces. You will have chance to try the **local food cooked in bamboo**, such as bamboo rice, chicken, etc. It tastes with the light fragrance of bamboo, quite different from which we eat in downtown.



- After lunch, you will have enough free time to explore the **ethnic villages**, where the Yao and Zhuang people have been dwelling for generations in wooden houses. You will understand how the locals' life is, and you will see the locals working in the paddy fields, the women in their national costumes doing needlework by the village path or beneath her roof, etc.



- We will drive back to downtown of Guilin from Longji at around 15:00 and you may arrive at hotel about 17:00. A **Four Lakes Night Cruise** is recommended as an optional activity in Guilin.

Day 10: Longji

Meals: Hotel breakfast, A La Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Yunzhahui Muquan Boutique Hotel (5 stars)**

- Take cable car to have a panoramic view of **Jinkeng Rice terrace**.



- Lunch will be arranged at a local restaurant.

- In the afternoon, you can **enjoy the spa in your hotel**.



Day 11: Longji-Guilin

Meals: Hotel breakfast, A La Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Secret Courtyard Resort (5 stars)**

- Check out the hotel, and be transferred to **Guilin downtown**.
- Visit **Elephant trunk** and **Reed Flute Cave**.



Day 12: Guilin-Chengdu (by flight)

Meals: Hotel breakfast

Accommodation: **Fraser Suites Chengdu (5 stars)**

- Be transferred to airport in Guilin.
- Be transferred to hotel after arriving Chengdu.

Day 13: Chengdu (group tour today)

Meals: Hotel breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: **Fraser Suites Chengdu (5 stars)**

- 7:00-8:00am: hotel pick-up.
- 8:30-11:00am: visiting **Chengdu Research Center of Giant Panda Breeding.**



- 11:00Am-1:00Pm: driving to Leshan.
- 1:00-2:00Pm: lunch time.

- 2:00-4:00Pm: visiting **Leshan Giant Buddha** by walking.



- 4:30-6:30Pm: driving back to Chengdu City, tour ends near **Tianfu square**.



Day 14: Chengdu

Meals: Hotel breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: **Fraser Suites Chengdu (5 stars)**

- Visit **Wuhou Temple**, **Renmin park**, and **Jinli old street** today.



Day15: Chengdu-Lhasa

Meals: Hotel breakfast,

Accommodation: **Shangri-La Hotel (5 stars)**

- Be transferred to airport in Chengdu.
- Be transferred to hotel in Lhasa.

Day 16: Lhasa City, Potala Place and Barkhor Street

Meals: Hotel breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: **Shangri-La Hotel (5 stars)**

- The tour will begin from **UNESCO World Heritage site - Potala Palace**, which is also the winter palace of Dalai Lama. It's situated at 12,139 feet above sea level. It's a 13-story high building that contains over 1,000 rooms, various statues, stupas, murals and artifacts.



- Then continue to **Jokhang Temple**, another UNESCO World Heritage site. It's a spiritual center for Buddhists in Tibet.
- Next to the temple there is **Barkhor Street**, filled with pilgrims and street vendors, selling traditional Tibetan items such as prayer wheels and jewelry.

Day 17: Monasteries in Lhasa, Drepung and Sera

Meals: Hotel breakfast,

Accommodation: **Shangri-La Hotel (5 stars)**

- In the morning, tourists are going to visit **Drepung Monastery** which was one of the “three great” Gelug monasteries of Tibet and was founded in 1416. **Ganden Palace** is used as Dalai Lama’s palace in the Drepung before moving to the Potala palace.



- Afternoon, **Sera Monastery**---It was one of the “three great” Gelug monasteries of Tibet and was founded in 1419. The highlight is the **Monks debate** at around 3 - 5 in the afternoon.

Day 18: Lhasa –Gyantse - Shigatse

Meals: Hotel breakfast,

Accommodation: **Qiaomulangzong Hotel (5 stars)**

- Drive from Lhasa to Gyantse. Admire the **Gampala pass (4790 m)** on the way, and get a glimpse of **Yamdruk-tso (4400m)**, which is surrounded by many snow-capped mountains.



- Then continue to drive west towards **Gyantse**. In Gyantse, tourists will visit the famous **Pelkor Monastery** and **Gyantse Kumbum**. After one and a half hour's drive, clients will arrive in **Shigatse**, which is the second largest city in Tibet.



Day 19: Everest Base Camp (B)

Meals: Hotel breakfast,

Accommodation: **Tent or temple**

- Drive to Lhatse where tourists can take lunch.
- Then drive to Shegar and if the weather is clear enough, tourists can view the Mt. Everest in the distance on the way back down.
- After 4 to 6 hours, arrive at **Rongbuk monastery**, but on the way there, clients will pass **Pang la Pass**, one of the highest passes in Tibet at 5050m.



- From that pass, enjoy **view all of the five highest peaks in the world.**

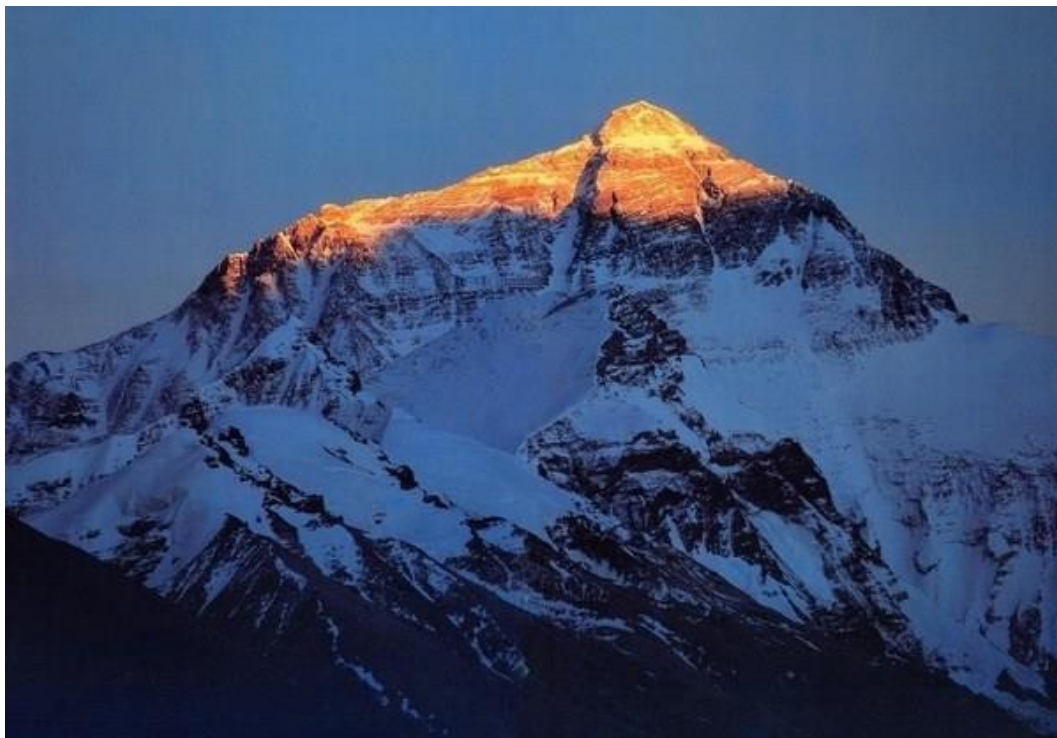


Day 20: Everest Base Camp Return to Shigatse

Meals: N/A

Accommodation: **Qiaomulangzong Hotel (5 stars)**

- In the morning, tourists can see the **sunrise appear on the top of Mt Everest**, and have a full view of the magnificent Mountain.



- Tourists may **trek from tent to the base camp 4km one way**, or go to EBC by local bus. Then drive back to Shigatse.



Day 21: Shigatse - Lhasa

Meals: Hotel breakfast,

Accommodation: **Shangri-La Hotel (5 stars)**

- Today, explore **Tashilunpo monastery** of Gelug Sect, the seat of the Panchen Lama, built in 1447. The monastery houses a giant statue of the Maitreya Buddha - the biggest gilded statue of Maitreya (Buddha of the future) in the world and a tomb of all the Panchen Lama, containing jewels and gold.



- In the afternoon, you will drive back to Lhasa, which will take around 6 hours.

Day 22: Lhasa--Beijing (B).

Meals: Hotel Breakfast, A la Carte Lunch

Accommodation: **Hotel Cote Cour Beijing (5 stars)**

- Transfer clients to the airport in Lhasa.

- Be transferred to hotel in Beijing.

Day 23: Depart Beijing

Meal: Breakfast

- Be transferred to airport.

- Our Services end here.

Price includes:

- ✓ Domestic flight or high-speed train as specified
- ✓ Private transfer between the airport or railway station, attractions, and hotels
- ✓ Private licensed English-speaking guide and driver service, group tour service in Tibet
- ✓ Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast on sharing basis
- ✓ All attraction entrance fees as specified
- ✓ Meals mentioned in the itinerary, Chinese local food (private tour is a la cart)
- ✓ China Life Tourist Accident/Casualty Insurance
- ✓ Tibet entry permit

Price excludes:

- ❖ International Air tickets or Train Tickets to enter or leave China
- ❖ Tips to your tour guide and driver on your own discretion
- ❖ China Entry Visa Fees
- ❖ Personal expenses
- ❖ Optional tours, meals, activities and services

Clarification:

- Tibet is high altitude area, please know that the meal and hotel in Tibet is not as good as other areas.
- Beijing to Xian is by bullet train, Hi-Speed rail is a new and popular transportation in China, which is a new experience. It is very comfortable and convenient. It takes only 4.5 hours. Quotation based on 2nd class seat; if you want to update to business class seat, you need to pay extra USD135 per person.
- There is pearl store on day 2 and tea house on day 3, and pottery workshop on day 6. Different with Chinese citizens, foreigners just need go inside tour shop about 40-60 min, it doesn't matter if you don't want to buy anything. Nobody will force you to buy anything. If you want non-shopping tour on these three days, then extra fee will be surcharged. You need to pay extra 90 per person.
- No space holding at this stage.
- We will provide an invitation letter to help to apply for the visa after confirmation.