

Day 1 • Departure
Your adventure begins as you board your international flight bound for Beijing, China.

Day 2 • Beijing
Upon arrival in Beijing, meet your tour guide and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and begin your introduction to one of the world's oldest civilizations. Depending on flight schedules, dinner will be provided this evening.

Day 3 • Great Wall & Summer Palace
Your first full day in China features two of the country's most iconic landmarks. Begin with a visit to the Great Wall, one of the greatest engineering achievements in human history. Stretching more than 10,000 miles across northern China, the wall has protected and connected communities for over two millennia. Later, explore the magnificent Summer Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site renowned for its stunning architecture, tranquil lake, and beautifully landscaped grounds. This evening, gather for a special welcome dinner.

Day 4 • Chinese Language Studies & the Forbidden City
This morning, begin Chinese language classes at the International Culture Exchange College and enjoy lunch with local students. In the afternoon, visit Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world and an important site in modern Chinese history. Continue to the Imperial Palace, better known as the Forbidden City. Once home to China's emperors, this vast palace complex offers an extraordinary glimpse into centuries of imperial life. This evening, enjoy a traditional Peking Duck dinner.

Day 5 • Language Studies & Temple of Heaven
Morning language instruction continues, followed by lunch with local students. This afternoon visit the Temple of Heaven, one of China's architectural masterpieces and a significant ceremonial site during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Surrounded by ancient cypress trees, the temple grounds are also a gathering place for local residents practicing tai chi, martial arts, music, and recreation. Dinner is served at a local restaurant.

Day 6 • Olympic Beijing
After language classes, explore several landmarks from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, including the famous Bird's Nest Stadium and the Water Cube Aquatics Center. Later, stroll along historic Qianmen Avenue, where you'll have opportunities to interact with local residents and practice your developing language skills.

Day 7 • Chinese Arts & Culture
Continue your language studies in the morning before visiting a contemporary artists' village. Meet local artists, tour their studios, and learn about modern Chinese artistic expression. The day also includes hands-on experiences in traditional Chinese calligraphy and the colorful art of Chinese opera mask painting.

Day 8 • Home Visit in Old Beijing
Following language classes, travel into historic Old Beijing for an authentic cultural exchange. Visit a local family in their home, learn how to prepare traditional dumplings, and enjoy a shared meal together. This unique experience offers valuable insight into everyday Chinese family life and customs.

Day 9 • Sports Academy Visit
Today's afternoon excursion takes you to a renowned Chinese sports academy, where you'll learn about China's rigorous athlete training programs and the dedication required to compete at the highest levels. Gain insight into the country's approach to developing world-class athletes from an early age.

Day 10 • Language Program Graduation
This morning concludes your language studies at the International Culture Exchange College with a graduation luncheon. Students will give short presentations in Chinese, showcasing the skills they have acquired during their stay. The afternoon is free to explore Beijing independently and practice your newly learned language skills.

Day 11 • Xi'an
After breakfast, fly to Xi'an, one of China's most historic cities and the cradle of Chinese civilization. Often compared

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to Cairo, Athens, and Rome for its cultural significance, Xi'an served as the capital for multiple Chinese dynasties. Upon arrival, visit the impressive City Wall, the largest and best-preserved Ming Dynasty city wall in China.

Day 12 • Terracotta Warriors & Wild Goose Pagoda
Today features one of China's greatest archaeological treasures: the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum. Discovered in 1974, this vast underground army of life-sized soldiers was created more than 2,000 years ago to guard Emperor Qin Shi Huang in the afterlife. Later, visit the Large Wild Goose Pagoda, one of China's most important Buddhist monuments. From the upper levels, enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding Da'cien Temple complex and the city of Xi'an. This evening, explore the lively night market and sample local specialties.

Day 13 • Shanghai
Travel to Shanghai, China's largest city and a global center of commerce, culture, and innovation. Upon arrival, experience everyday life through visits with local families, a local market, and a hospital. These visits provide valuable insight into contemporary Chinese society and daily life.

Day 14 • Shanghai Sightseeing
Spend your final full day discovering Shanghai's most celebrated sites. Begin at Yu Garden, a beautiful example of classical Chinese landscape design dating to the Ming Dynasty. Continue to the Bund, Shanghai's historic waterfront district, where European-influenced architecture reflects the city's international past. Later, visit the Shikumen Museum, a meticulously restored historic home that offers a fascinating glimpse into middle-class life during the 1920s. This evening, celebrate your journey with a farewell dinner.

Day 15 • Return Home
Your journey through China comes to an end as you transfer to Shanghai Airport for your flight home. Return with enhanced language skills, meaningful cultural experiences, and a deeper understanding of one of the world's oldest and most influential civilizations. *Zài jiàn!* (Goodbye!)

This tour can be customized to your specifications. Price varies according to season, group size, and customization.





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