



ULTIMATE CHINA ADVENTURE

Get ready for the ultimate China adventure! This 18-day journey takes you from the electric streets of Hong Kong to the historic heart of Beijing, uncovering China's most iconic highlights along the way.

Watch the sunset from Victoria Peak, drift along the Yulong River on bamboo rafts, cruise the mighty Yangtze, and come face to face with the Terracotta Warriors. Camp under the stars on the Great Wall, meet giant pandas in Chengdu, and dive into vibrant local culture, cuisine, and landscapes.

This is the perfect trip for travellers wanting a mix of adventure, culture, and unforgettable experiences, with plenty of opportunities to make lifelong memories and friendships along the way.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 17 nights of accommodation in shared dorm rooms
- Local legend (group leader) with you every step of the way
- Hike & spend a night at the Great Wall
- Visit Temple Street Night Market
- Bike & Bamboo Raft the Yulong River
- Take a Yangtze River Cruise
- Discover Hongya Cave at Night
- Visit the Giant Panda Breeding Center
- Take a Mandarin Lesson
- Visit the Terracotta Warriors & Mausoleum of Qin Shi Huang
- Take a Kung Fu Lesson & Show at Shaolin Temple





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Day 1: Welcome to Hong Kong

Arrive and drop your bags before heading straight out to explore what Hong Kong has to offer. Cruise across Victoria Harbour on the iconic Star Ferry, then ride the tram up to Victoria Peak for stunning sunset views. Stroll along the Avenue of Stars and finish the night at Temple Street Night Market, packed with food, shopping, and buzzing atmosphere.

Day 2: Hong Kong to Yangshuo

After a short briefing, travel by high-speed train to Guilin before continuing to Yangshuo. Settle into your new surroundings and enjoy a relaxed evening exploring this laid-back riverside town. Head into town and join your travel buddies for your first meal together in China. Let the adventure begin!

Day 3: – Cooking, Kayaking & Relaxation in Yangshuo

Start the day with an optional Chinese cooking class before kayaking along the scenic Li River, surrounded by dramatic karst mountains. Alternatively, unwind with a traditional hot cupping session, which is an ancient therapy to reduce tension and hike up your energy.

Day 4: Countryside & Bamboo Rafting

Cycle through peaceful countryside before drifting down the Yulong River on a bamboo raft with incredible views. Later, visit Moon Hill and nearby caves for mud baths and hot springs. In the evening, enjoy a karaoke evening or a night out on the town with the group.



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Day 5: Adventure & Yangshuo's Local Life

Try rock climbing on Yangshuo's famous karst cliffs or visit a local farming village, also the home of one of your guides, for an authentic glimpse into rural life.

Day 6: Chongqing & Yangtze River Cruise

Travel to Chongqing via Guilin, drop your bags at base for a couple of nights, and take to the water for a night cruise along the Yangtze River. See the mega-city all lit up from the water and explore the lantern-lit streets of Hongya Cave, filled with delicious food stalls and vibrant nightlife.

Day 7: Discover Chongqing

Visit Liziba Station and the famous monorail that passes through a residential building, explore historic air raid shelters, and stop by the amazing People's Great Hall. Enjoy panoramic city views of Chaotianmen Dock, where the river Yangtze meets the Jialing and climb up to Eling Park for uninterrupted views of the city. In the evening, experience Chongqing's buzzing nightlife in the lively Guanyinqiao district.

Day 8: Travel to Chengdu

Journey to Chengdu and settle in before exploring People's Park and the lively Kuanzhai Alley, known for its street food and traditional architecture.



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Day 9: Panda Experience & Culture

Visit the world-famous Giant Panda Breeding and Research Centre - the world's largest home to these beautiful animals and watch them up close. You may even spot a few little-ones! Later, learn some Mandarin words and phrases with your group leader and optionally enjoy a traditional Sichuan opera performance, equipped with face-changing masks, fire breathing and gripping music.

Day 10: Leshan Buddha & Hot Pot

Take a trip to see the giant Leshan Buddha, carved into a cliff face and looking out onto the river. Back in Chengdu, enjoy a famous, fiery Sichuan hot pot dinner and see where the night takes you.

Day 11: Explore Xi'an

Travel by train to Xi'an and explore this historic city. Cycle along the ancient city walls for an incredible view of the city, or wander through the vibrant Muslim Quarter and its filled with street food and local culture - not forgetting to pass by the Bell and Drum Towers! Grab yourself a scrumptious street food feast and mooch around the Silk Road Market.

Day 12: Terracotta Warriors

Visit one of China's greatest archaeological wonders — the Terracotta Warriors. Being able to see the life-sized soldiers guarding China's first emperor's mausoleum is going to be one of the highlights of China for sure! Spend the afternoon exploring at your leisure or visit the Big Goose Pagoda's music and light show in the evening.



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Day 13: Kung Fu Experience

Catch the bus to Dengfeng and take part in a Kung Fu class led by a local master from the legendary Shaolin temple. After you've tried your best, watch the masters in action in an impressive martial arts performance. Enjoy your evening by continuing to build on your Mandarin skills in another lesson, and maybe finish the night off with a pub quiz.

Day 14: Shaolin & Cultural Sites

Opt to discover the home of Kung Fu in the Shaolin Temple or hike to Dharma Cove to explore the spiritual place for Buddhist pilgrims and see the temples and shrines from above. Or you could decide to explore the Longmen Grottoes, home to thousands of ancient carved Buddhas. You have a free night this evening, to do whatever takes your fancy. An early start awaits tomorrow!

Day 15: Great Wall Experience

Ride the bullet train to Beijing and head straight to the Great Wall of China. Hike along a quieter, less-restored section before spending the night nearby on a quiet segment, soaking in this once-in-a-lifetime experience under the stars. Have another Mandarin lesson around the campfire. (Between October and April, we will stay in a cosy guest house near the wall instead of camping, due to extreme cold conditions.)

Day 16: Beijing Exploration

Wake up to incredible views of sunrise from the Great Wall, before returning to the city. Spend the day exploring Beijing your way - from the galleries of the art districts to the imperial gardens of the Summer Palace. The choice is yours!



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Day 17: Forbidden City & Local Cuisine

Have a wander around Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, one of China's most iconic landmarks. Climb up Jingshan Park and check out the palace from above. In the evening, maybe try out an unreal Chinese circus show or perhaps a traditional Peking Roast Duck dinner fit for an emperor is more up your alley.

Day 18: Farewell Beijing

Wrap up your adventure with a visit to the Temple of Heaven or explore the historic hutongs and local markets of the Nanluo district. Maze your way through the siheyuan courtyards and stop off at a few cafes, bars and handicraft shops on the way. Say goodbye to your travel crew and reflect on an unforgettable journey across China. Of course, if you can't bear to leave just yet, let us know if you'd like us to book you some extra nights in Beijing.