

10 Day Incredible China

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Discover the world with AVG Travels, where our team of destination experts combines local knowledge with a passion for adventure to offer you the vacation of a lifetime. At AVG Travels, we not only provide an immersive travel experience, prioritise your comfort, safety, and enjoyment, but also showcase the beauty and cultural richness of stunning destinations.

Specialists in touring since 2015, AVG Travels, previously known as Asia Vacation Group, are proud to craft your itinerary and create memories that last a lifetime. Travel with confidence knowing your trip has been thoughtfully crafted by our experts with you personally in mind.

Return Flights Included	7-Day Change of Mind	Australian Owned Company
Fully Escorted by a local English speaking guide		

Day by Day Itinerary

Beijing, Wuxi, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Shanghai

HIGHLIGHTS

Discover Incredible China at an unbelievable price. Explore Beijing, Wuxi, Hangzhou, Suzhou & Shanghai

- **Tiananmen Square:** Behold Tiananmen Square, one of the world's largest public spaces, and soak in its historical significance and impressive scale.
- **Great Wall of China:** Walk along the Juyongguan section, a UNESCO World Heritage site, offering breathtaking views and historical significance. This section, located near Beijing, is one of the most well-preserved parts of the Great Wall.
- **Temple of Heaven:** Visit this architectural masterpiece in Beijing, known for its stunning structures and cultural significance. Experience local life by joining morning exercises in the surrounding park.
- **West Lake, Hangzhou:** Discover the beauty of West Lake, a UNESCO World Heritage site, surrounded by gardens, pagodas, and tea plantations. The lake has inspired poets and artists for centuries with its picturesque scenery.
- **Shanghai Bund:** Stroll along the Bund, showcasing Shanghai's colonial history and modern skyline. Enjoy an evening cruise on the Huangpu River for stunning views of the historic waterfront and illuminated skyscrapers.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Home - Beijing

Welcome to Beijing – The majestic capital of China!

Upon arrival at Beijing Capital International Airport (PEK), you'll be warmly greeted and transferred to your hotel for a well-deserved rest after your flight. Get ready to embark on a spectacular journey through China.

(please note that most flights arrive later in the evening).

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel 4* or similar

Day 2: Beijing

After a breakfast, explore the iconic imperial treasures of Beijing with your guide. Begin at Tiananmen Square, one of the largest public squares in the world.

Later, explore the city at your own pace or join an optional excursion to enhance your experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel 4* or similar

Note:

If you choose not to join an optional tour today, you will be dropped off at a designated location and informed about the pick-up time and place, typically 4-5 hours later. If you prefer not to wait, you can take a taxi back to the hotel at your own expense.

Day 3: Beijing

Today's excursion is one of the most anticipated of our trip – a visit to the **Great Wall of China**. Often recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the World, this UNESCO World Heritage site is a staggering feat of engineering and a bucket list destination.

Explore the Juyongguan section of the Great Wall, renowned as one of the Wall's three most famous passes. Situated just 60 kilometers from downtown Beijing, this historic stronghold once defended the northern approaches to the city. During your visit, you'll have the opportunity to climb a segment of this architectural wonder, which extends an impressive 21,000 kilometers.

En route back to Beijing we'll visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in China and learn all about China's most precious and celebrated stone.

Upon returning to Beijing, the rest of the day is yours to spend at leisure or to participate in one of our optional excursions.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Ramada Beijing North Hotel 4* or similar

Day 4: Beijing - Wuxi

Begin your day with a visit to a Chinese herbal institute, where you have the opportunity to learn about traditional Chinese medicine. Later visit the Temple of Heaven, seen as the most holy of Beijing's imperial temples. It has been described as "a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design". Morning is the best time to visit it. Experience local life with morning exercises.

In the afternoon board the bullet train to reach the city of Wuxi. China's bullet train network is now the most expansive in the world and you'll be rocketing towards Wuxi at speeds up to 300km/h. Upon arrival in Wuxi, you'll be met by our local representative and escorted to your hotel where you may spend the rest of the day relaxing, exploring or spending time with newly made friends.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Grand Park Hotel Wuxi 4* or similar

Day 5: Wuxi - Suzhou

Visit The Brilliance of Lake Lihu, a beautiful park on the shores of Lake Taihu. Discover the rich history and enjoy its serene environment. The lake is well known for its gorgeous park and many interesting features. Locally, it is famous thanks to the work of numerous scholars, who have written that notable historical figures, such as Fan Li and Xi Shi, boated here. While here we'll also visit a freshwater pearl farm to learn about pearl cultivation.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Lakeside Hotel Suzhou 4* or similar

Day 6: Suzhou - Hangzhou

Explore the Lingering Garden, one of Suzhou's classical gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

After, continue to the **Suzhou Silk Factory**, one of the largest silk manufacturers in the country. Discover the incredible methods that lay behind silk harvesting.

This afternoon continue on to Hangzhou, once described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world".

Upon arrival in Hangzhou you'll have the evening free to spend at your leisure: relax or take up our optional excursions, enjoying a performance.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Merchant Marco Garden Hotel Hangzhou 4* or similar

Day 7: Hangzhou - Shanghai

The city of Hangzhou, known as 'Paradise on Earth', has been immortalised by countless poets and artists. The most renowned feature here is the West Lake Cultural Landscape of Hangzhou, which has been listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

After our visit to the West Lake, we'll continue on to a tea plantation to taste Dragon Well tea, otherwise known as Longjing – a much sought-after local green tea leaf. Green tea is said to be great for health and wellbeing, packed with antioxidants, and today you'll have the opportunity to learn more about China's tea culture.

Following lunch, we'll drive to Shanghai, on China's central coast. This evening, we'll have the opportunity to get a glimpse of Shanghai's dazzling skyline by joining the optional Huangpu River Cruise ride.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence 4* or similar

Day 8: Shanghai

Enjoy a full day in Shanghai – a city of some 26 million people and an important global financial hub.

After breakfast, travel to the Bund, a famous waterfront area in Shanghai that's lined with colonial architecture of European design. The Bund is perhaps the best representation of a Western influence of a bygone era.

Following our tour here, the rest of the day is yours to spend as you please – relax or enjoy one of our optional tours and activities to help enhance your experience.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Novotel Shanghai Qingpu Excellence 4* or similar

Day 9: Shanghai - Home

Enjoy some free time in the morning before transferring to the airport for your departure flight. Reflect on the unforgettable memories you've made during your spectacular tour through China.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: On plane

Day 10: Home

Arrive home with cherished memories of your trip with Asia Vacation Group.

INCLUSIONS

- **Return flights included.**
- Return airport transfers
- 8 nights in 4 star hotels
- Dedicated transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vehicles
- Daily Breakfast Buffet
- Fully escorted by English-speaking local guides
- In-depth sightseeing and all entry fees as per the itinerary
- Drinking water 1 bottle per person per day

EXCLUSIONS

- Meals and drinks not mentioned in the program
- Chinese Visa
- **Compulsory Tipping for driver and tour guide (AU\$12 per person/day).** This is collected by our tour guide when you arrives in Beijing.
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (we strongly recommend you hold a valid travel insurance policy for all domestic and overseas travel)
- Trip delay or interruption caused by airline schedule change
- Extra cost associated with missed tour caused by flight delays or cancellation

- Any service clearly not mentioned in the program

DEPARTURE DATES: PRICE IS QUOTED IN AU\$ PER PERSON

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Sunday 20 Oct 2024	Tuesday 29 Oct 2024	AU\$1,499		Sold Out
Sunday 27 Oct 2024	Tuesday 05 Nov 2024	AU\$999		Book
Sunday 03 Nov 2024	Tuesday 12 Nov 2024	AU\$1,299	7 Seats	Sold Out
Sunday 10 Nov 2024	Tuesday 19 Nov 2024	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 16 Feb 2025	Tuesday 25 Feb 2025	AU\$999		Book
Sunday 23 Feb 2025	Tuesday 04 Mar 2025	AU\$999		Book
Sunday 02 Mar 2025	Tuesday 11 Mar 2025	AU\$1,099		Sold Out
Sunday 09 Mar 2025	Tuesday 18 Mar 2025	AU\$1,099		Sold Out
Sunday 16 Mar 2025	Tuesday 25 Mar 2025	AU\$1,199		Sold Out
Sunday 13 Apr 2025	Tuesday 22 Apr 2025	AU\$1,199		Sold Out
Sunday 20 Apr 2025	Tuesday 29 Apr 2025	AU\$999		Sold Out
Sunday 11 May 2025	Tuesday 20 May 2025	AU\$999		Sold Out
Sunday 18 May 2025	Tuesday 27 May 2025	AU\$999		Sold Out
Sunday 25 May 2025	Tuesday 03 Jun 2025	AU\$999		Book
Sunday 08 Jun 2025	Tuesday 17 Jun 2025	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 15 Jun 2025	Tuesday 24 Jun 2025	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 17 Aug 2025	Tuesday 26 Aug 2025	AU\$999		Sold Out
Sunday 24 Aug 2025	Tuesday 02 Sep 2025	AU\$999		Book

DEPART AU	RETURN DATE	PRICE	NOTE	RESERVE YOUR SEAT
Sunday 07 Sep 2025	Tuesday 16 Sep 2025	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 14 Sep 2025	Tuesday 23 Sep 2025	AU\$1,499		Sold Out
Sunday 21 Sep 2025	Tuesday 30 Sep 2025	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 12 Oct 2025	Tuesday 21 Oct 2025	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 19 Oct 2025	Tuesday 28 Oct 2025	AU\$1,299		Sold Out
Sunday 02 Nov 2025	Tuesday 11 Nov 2025	AU\$999		Sold Out
Sunday 09 Nov 2025	Tuesday 18 Nov 2025	AU\$999		Sold Out

OPTIONAL TOURS



**Beijing Golden Mask
Dynasty Show**
AU\$90



Forbidden City Tour
AU\$80



Hutong Life Tour
AU\$40



**Peking-duck Banquet
Dinner**
AU\$50



**Romantic Show of Song-
Cheng**
AU\$105



Shanghai Insight Tour
AU\$70



Shanghai Chinese Acrobatic Show

AU\$105



Huangpu River Cruise

AU\$80



Wuxi Grand Canal Cruise

AU\$80

FINE PRINT

FLIGHT INFORMATION

This package includes return flights from Sydney/Melbourne.

Flights from Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth attract a **\$400 surcharge**.

Airline Selection: We book the best available airlines for your journey, which may include a mix of full-service and low-cost carriers. Specific airline requests can be made at the time of purchase. This includes upgrades to your preferred carrier, premium economy or business class cabins or specific seats. Whilst we will try our best, not all requests can be confirmed.

Flight Conditions: Flights may not be direct and could involve a maximum of two transits.

Ticketing Information: Once issued, tickets are non-refundable. Changes are subject to airline rules, airline change fees, and an Asia Vacations Group change fee of \$250 per person.

Passenger Details: Please ensure all traveller names are as per passports. This includes all middle names. Errors may incur a name change fee of \$150 plus airline charges, or require the purchase of a new ticket.

Flight Schedule Changes: Any changes or cancellations to airline schedules are outside our control. We recommend staying updated with airline schedules before departure. Additional expenses for extended transits or alternative arrangements are the traveller's responsibility.

Internal Airfares: Local flights included in your itinerary may utilise low-cost carriers without meals or entertainment. Checked baggage is included; any additional baggage fees are payable at check-in.

Booking Considerations: If travelling with others on separate bookings, we may not be able to guarantee all flights are the same due to availability.

Luggage and Fees: You are responsible for your luggage at all times. Excess baggage fees, if incurred, are payable directly to the airline. All tickets will include 20 kg checked baggage per person, plus 7 kg of hand luggage. We recommend travelling with a max 20kg per person due to restrictions on internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Please note, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters are not included.

No-Show Policy: Missing your flight may result in fees including a no-show fee, airline reissue fee, and possible new ticket purchase. Asia Vacations Group charges a \$250 admin fee for re-booking assistance.

Price Adjustments: Prices are final at the time of ticketing. Any subsequent changes may result in additional costs due to factors beyond our control, such as currency fluctuations or airline surcharges.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Physical Requirements

A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. Please be advised that tipping for tour guides,

drivers and bellmen are required and will be collected by our tour guide when you arrives in China. **A compulsory gratuity of AUD12 per person per day is payable on day 1 of this tour.**

Tips can make a big difference to locals employed in the tourism industry as they have done an impeccable job to serve you through your holiday.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

Single supplement is **\$550 per person** in addition to the twin share price.

Paired Solo Traveler

Not available.

Group size: min from 20-40 travellers

Triple Share

Not available for this one.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is recommended to protect yourself against the unexpected. In addition to the support that a policy may provide, you may be asked to present a copy of your travel insurance documentation while traveling.

We have partnered with NibTravel Insurance to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book Comprehensive or Essentials cover for your domestic, international or multi-trip journeys simply with us.

Visa & Passport information

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of return and must have more than 2 blank pages.

A tourist visa for China is 15-day free if travelling on an Australian/New Zealand Passport by 1 July 2024.

Please note:

- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organizations, may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/> for up-to-date information in terms of entry requirements.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

Children

Children over 6 years. Please check with our sales team before you make a booking with your kids.

Tour Length

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent flying and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent on land.

HOW TO EXTEND YOUR STAY

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

Pre Tour Accommodation

AU\$190 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

AU\$140 per vehicle per way

Post Tour Accommodation

AU\$190 per room, per night based on double/twin room share

AU\$140 per vehicle per way

Please select the number of extra nights required in the 'Additional Nights Accommodation' field when making

your purchase. The additional cost for these arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

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