



MAGNIFICENT CHINA

2027

Beijing | Xi'an | Chengdu | Yangtze Cruise | Zhangjiajie | Shanghai
17 Days / 16 Nights Premium Custom Tour
with German-Speaking Guide Service

Tour Highlights - 17 Days Magnificent China

- Imperial Beijing in depth: UNESCO Temple of Heaven, the magnificent Forbidden City, the iconic Great Wall and the stunning Summer Palace, plus authentic Peking duck dinner
- Traditional Chinese medicine cultural experience: herb identification, pulse diagnosis and handmade herbal sachets
- Xi'an, the ancient Silk Road capital: the world-famous Terracotta Warriors, Ancient City Wall, Wild Goose Pagoda, Muslim Quarter and the colourful Tang Dynasty Show
- Hands-on culture: practise traditional Chinese calligraphy like a local in Xi'an
- Chengdu, hometown of the giant panda: close encounters at the Panda Breeding Centre, People's Park teahouse culture, Jinli Ancient Street and a traditional Sichuan hotpot dinner
- Magical Chongqing: Erling Park river-confluence views, the famous Liziba 'train through building' station and dazzling Hongyadong by night
- 4-day 5-star Yangtze River Cruise through the spectacular Three Gorges, with shore excursions to Shibaozhai Temple, Shennong Stream and the monumental Three Gorges Dam
- Zhangjiajie, the real-life 'Avatar' mountains: UNESCO quartz sandstone pillars, Tianzi Mountain sea of clouds, Yuanjiajie, the world's longest Glass Bridge, Tianmen Cave (Heaven's Gate) and tranquil Baofeng Lake
- Classic Shanghai finale: Yuyuan Garden, Old Town, French Concession, Jade Buddha Temple, Nanjing Road and the Bund
- Comfortable travel throughout: high-speed bullet trains between Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Chongqing, Yichang and Zhangjiajie

Day 1 | Germany to Beijing

Dinner on flight

Depart on your scheduled overnight flight to Beijing. Enjoy in-flight meals and entertainment as you journey to China's capital.



Day 2 | Beijing - Arrival

Includes Dinner

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be met by a local guide and transferred to your hotel. If time permits, visit **Qianmen Dashilan and the Beijing Fun area**. Dashilan, a 500-year-old commercial street beside Qianmen, gathers time-honored brands and authentic old-Beijing folk culture. Beijing Fun, adjacent to Dashilan, blends traditional courtyard architecture with trendy modern retail spaces, presenting a perfect collision of ancient charm and contemporary vibes.



Overnight in Beijing

Day 3 | Beijing

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today you will have a full day of sightseeing starting with a visit to the UNESCO world heritage site, the **Temple of Heaven**. The temple was used by emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties to offer sacrifice to heaven and pray for bumper harvests. In the afternoon, visit **the Forbidden City**, which is the largest surviving ancient wooden imperial palace complex in the world.



Overnight in Beijing

Day 4 | Beijing

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today's sightseeing tour will begin at the iconic **Great Wall of China**, built over 2,000 years ago to guard the Chinese Empire against Mongol invaders. In the afternoon you will have a traditional culture experience - Traditional **Chinese Herbal Medicine culture**, which carries thousands of years of Chinese medical wisdom featuring herbal therapy, acupuncture and massage. Visitors can enjoy immersive experiences like herb identification, pulse diagnosis and handmade herbal sachets.

In the evening, indulge in a traditional **Peking duck dinner**, a celebrated dish renowned for its crispy skin and tender meat.



Overnight in Beijing

Day 5 | Beijing to Xi'an by Bullet Train

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning, you will proceed to the stunning UNESCO listed **Summer Palace**, a masterpiece of Chinese landscape design. After lunch, transfer to the train station for an afternoon bullet train to **Xi'an**, arriving in time for dinner, then transfer to the hotel to have a rest.



Overnight in Xi'an

Day 6 | Xi'an

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Morning visit to the **Terracotta Warriors museum**. Marvel at the sight of over 8,000 life-sized soldiers, horses, and chariots, each uniquely crafted to guard the tomb of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. Discovered in 1974, this vast underground army, a UNESCO Site, stands as one of the most remarkable archaeological finds of the modern era.

In the afternoon, stroll through **the Muslim Quarter's marketplace**. This evening, witness an artistic performance at the **Tang Dynasty Show**.



Overnight in Xi'an

Day 7 | Xi'an to Chengdu by Bullet Train

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

A morning tour of Xi'an incorporates the chance to saunter along a fragment of the megalithic 14th-century **City Wall**. The Ancient City Wall is an imposing defence that encircles the city, followed by a visit to the UNESCO listed **Wild Goose Pagoda**, which stands as a landmark of ancient Buddhist architecture in Xi'an. Before boarding this afternoon's bullet train to **Chengdu**, try your hand at the ancient art of calligraphy, learning to script iconic Chinese symbols.



Overnight in Chengdu

Day 8 | Chengdu

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Morning visit to the **Chengdu Panda Breeding Centre**, where you will have a once-in-a-lifetime encounter with the city's most famous residents. Delight in watching the endearing giant pandas and red pandas as they snooze on treetops or snack on bamboo. After your visit, explore **People's Park**, a vibrant public space where locals gather to relax, exercise and socialize, with its beautiful gardens, teahouses and lively atmosphere. Following a tasty dinner, take a leisurely stroll along **Jinli Ancient Street**, lined with elegant architecture, traditional shops and vibrant stalls. This evening, enjoy a traditional Sichuan delicacy - a **Hotpot dinner**.

Optional program: Sichuan Opera - Face Changing performance.



Overnight in Chengdu

Day 9 | Chengdu to Chongqing by Bullet Train - Board Yangtze River Cruise

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

In the morning, take the bullet train to **Chongqing**, the so-called magic city of China. In the afternoon, explore **Erling Park**, a century-old classical garden in Chongqing. Standing at the high ridge, you will have a perfect overlook of the confluence of the Yangtze and Jialing Rivers and the stunning mountain city view. You will have a chance to sit down and drink a cup of Chinese tea like a local in the park. Then visit **Liziba Station**, an elevated station on Line 2 of Chongqing's Rail Transit system that has gained international fame for the unique spectacle of "the train passing through a residential building."

Later, visit the dazzling **Hongyadong**, a stunning stilt-house complex perched on the riverside cliff, brilliantly illuminated at night - one of Chongqing's most iconic landmarks. You will savour a delicious Sichuan-style dinner before boarding the **Yangtze River cruise**.



Overnight on board the Yangtze River Cruise

Day 10 | Yangtze River Cruise

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Cruise upstream, taking in the breathtaking panoramas of the river's scenic landscapes. The journey offers stunning views of the surrounding mountains, lush greenery and tranquil waters, creating a serene and picturesque experience. Following an excursion at the Shibaozhai Temple, sail past the Fengdu Ghost City - the place where souls go to pass three tests before entering the afterlife, according to legend. Conclude this spellbinding day by sailing past the Fengdu Jade Emperor scenic area.

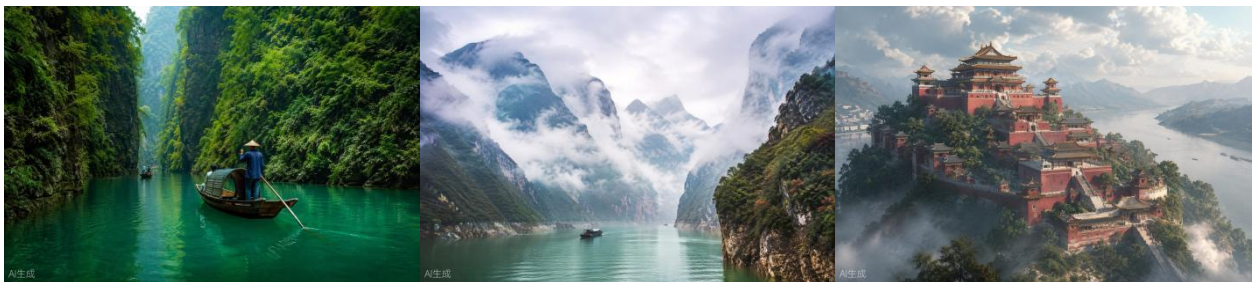


Overnight on board the Yangtze River Cruise

Day 11 | Yangtze River Cruise

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Take a side trip to Shennong Stream, a zigzagging watercourse where local inhabitants line the shore. Sail to Wu Gorge, the prettiest of the Three Gorges, followed by Qutang Gorge, the shortest. In the afternoon, **an optional tour of the White Emperor City explores this ancient temple, perched at the top of an island in the middle of the river.**



Overnight on board the Yangtze River Cruise

Day 12 | Arriving in Yichang - Yichang to Zhangjiajie by Bus

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Morning arrival in Yichang. The excursion will be to the monumental Three Gorges Dam, one of the largest and most impressive engineering feats in the world. As you approach the dam, you will be awed by its sheer size and the incredible scale of the project. During the visit, you will learn about the dam's construction, its significance in flood control, and its role in generating hydroelectric power. After the excursion, go to the railway station to take the private coach to Zhangjiajie (3.5 hours on the way) - a UNESCO World Natural Heritage Site famed for thousands of towering quartz sandstone pillars, the prototype of the floating mountains in Avatar.

Upon arrival in Zhangjiajie, you will be transferred to the hotel to have a rest. Dinner arranged nearby the hotel.



Overnight in Zhangjiajie

Day 13 | Zhangjiajie

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, your day begins with exploration of the breathtaking **Zhangjiajie National Forest Park**, part of the Wulingyuan Scenic Area and a UNESCO World Natural Heritage site. Start off at Tianzi Mountain, known for its sea of clouds, towering peaks and the unique Xihafeng Forest. Continue to the Yuanjiajie scenic spot, home to the famous First Bridge Under Heaven, a natural stone bridge connecting two mountain peaks. Immerse yourself in the dramatic sandstone pillars rising into the sky as far as the eye can see - this stunning formation was the inspiration for 'Pandora' in Avatar. This afternoon, enjoy some authentic **Chinese Kungfu tea** before your afternoon at leisure.



Overnight in Zhangjiajie

Day 14 | Zhangjiajie

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Begin the day with a scenic hike in the **Zhangjiajie Grand Canyon**, featuring the breathtaking Glass Bridge - the world's longest and highest glass-bottom bridge, suspended over a deep gorge. Continue to explore Tianmen Mountain National Forest Park, a highlight of Zhangjiajie. Ascend the mountain via the **Tianmen**

Mountain cableway, one of the longest in the world. Visit the iconic **Tianmen Cave (Heaven's Gate)**, a massive natural arch in the mountain, and stroll along the Ghost Valley Plank Road, a suspended walkway offering panoramic views.



Overnight in Zhangjiajie

Day 15 | Zhangjiajie to Shanghai by Flight

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, set out for a peaceful and scenic visit to **Baofeng Lake**, a stunning alpine lake nestled in the mountains of Zhangjiajie. Enjoy a leisurely boat ride on the crystal-clear waters, surrounded by majestic cliffs and lush forest. Explore the nearby Baofeng Waterfall and take in the serene natural beauty that makes this area a perfect retreat from the crowds. This relaxing morning offers a contrast to the more adventurous mountain hikes, giving you time to unwind and appreciate Zhangjiajie's more tranquil side.

In the afternoon, take the flight to **Shanghai**. After arriving in Shanghai and checking into your hotel, dinner is arranged nearby the hotel.



Overnight in Shanghai

Day 16 | Shanghai

Includes Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Embark on a morning tour of Shanghai, with visits to **Yuyuan Garden**, the **Old Town** and the **French Concession**. After lunch, visit the **Jade Buddha Temple**, housing sacred jade-carved Buddha figures - a landmark of Shanghai's Buddhist culture, whose elegant palatial halls and peaceful courtyards offer visitors a taste of oriental Buddhist serenity. Then stroll along the world's busiest shopping street, **Nanjing Road**, and visit **the Bund**. This evening, take an [optional excursion to cruise along the Huangpu River \(at your own cost\)](#).



Overnight in Shanghai

Day 17 | Shanghai Departure

Includes Breakfast

Today, transfer to the airport for your return flight back home or onto your chosen extension. Farewell to China with wonderful memories of an unforgettable journey.



Cost Includes

- Meet and greet by our representative at the airport
- All accommodation as requested in 4-star hotels
- Accommodation on a twin-sharing basis as per the meal element mentioned
- Tours and transfers in an A/C vehicle
- Toll, parking, driver's allowance, and currently applicable taxes
- All entrance fees, guides, and daily tours
- Service of German-speaking or English-speaking representative throughout

Cost Excludes

- International flight tickets / domestic flights and internal train tickets
- Any other personal expenses that are not stated above, such as telephone calls, laundry, camera fees (still or video), tips, etc.
- Passports and visa fees (visa-free policy for many countries)
- Travel insurance
- Extra programs
- Tips to the guides, driver, and English-speaking representative throughout the trip

Group Prices

Group Size	Low Season: 26th Nov 2026 to 21st Feb 2027	Shoulder Season 22nd Feb to 25th Mar 2027, 26th May to 25th Aug 2027 and 26th Oct to 25th Nov 2027	High Season 26th Mar to 25th May 2027 and 26th Aug to 25th Oct 2027
Currency	¥	¥	¥
10-15 persons	12695	13689	14880
16-20 persons	12350	13360	14560
21-25 persons	11885	13150	14295
Single supplement	4660	5480	5985

Airfare & Other Costs not included in the package rate	Price
Internal flight Zhangjiajie to Shanghai on Day 15	CNY 1150 per person including tax
German-speaking guide	Guide service starting from Shanghai airport on Day 2 to Day 17
Tips for the guide and driver in each city	CNY 50/person/day, CNY 840/person in total
Service Fee for Cruise Ship	CNY 200 per person

Private Tour Prices

Group Size	Low Season 26th Nov 2026 to 21st Feb 2027	Shoulder Season 22nd Feb to 25th Mar 2027, 26th May to 25th Aug 2027 and 26th Oct to 25th Nov 2027	High Season 26th Mar to 25th May 2027 and 26th Aug to 25th Oct 2027
Currency	¥	¥	¥
2 people	28300	31450	33550
3-5 persons	27150	30286	32389
6-9 persons	25688	28566	30565
Single supplement	5900	6950	7660

Airfare & Other Costs not included in the package rate	Price
Internal flight Zhangjiajie to Shanghai on Day 15	CNY 1150 per person including tax
German-speaking guide	Guide service starting from Shanghai airport on Day 2 to Day 17
Tips for the guide and driver in each city	CNY 50/person/day, CNY 840/person in total
Service Fee for Cruise Ship	CNY 200 per person

Tour Hotels

City	Hotel	Nights
Beijing	Xinqiao Hotel or Landmark Hotel	03 Nights
Xi'an	Jianguo or Titan Times Hotel	02 Nights
Chengdu	Tianfu Sunshine Hotel	02 Nights
Yangtze River Cruise	Victoria Cruises or Golden Cruise	03 Nights
Zhangjiajie	Hilton Wulingyuan Garden Hotel	03 Nights
Shanghai	Ocean Hotel	02 Nights

Hotels are subject to availability at the time of booking. Alternative hotels of equal standard will be proposed if the listed properties are not available.

Optional Excursions

Optional Program	Above 10 Pax (CNY/Person)
A night cruise on Shanghai's Huangpu River	360
Sichuan opera night show in Chengdu	360
Tour the ancient, traditional hutongs of Beijing	300
the White Emperor City explores this ancient temple	360

Optional programs are subject to availability and weather conditions. Prices are indicative and subject to change.

Booking Confirmation

Agreed on Behalf of Mercury Holidays	Agreed on Behalf of the Supplier
Signed: _____	Signed: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

This itinerary is prepared exclusively for the quoted group and is valid for 14 days from the date of issue.