

The Essential Impressions of **THE MIDDLE KINGDOM**

Beijing (4) - Night train (1) - Jinan(1) - Xian (2) - Lijiang (2) - Guilin(2) - Shanghai(3)

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Great Wall 長城



Tour Summary:

The tour will begin at Beijing, the capital of China. During the stay in Beijing, the visits to the Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, the Sacred Way and Ming Tombs and the Great Wall are arranged, which will show you a clear picture of the long history of China. And the students of the camp also have the chance to get along with the Chinese students, live together, eat together, and play together. Then you will know more about China during the visit of the Qufu – the birthplace of Confucius who was a thinker, political figure, educator, and founder of the Ru School of Chinese thought. Then transfer to the ancient capital city Xi'an which has the great Terracotta Warriors. And the natural views of Lijiang and Yangshuo will impress you a lot, also the show "Impression Lijiang – Snow Mountains" and "Impression Liu Sanjie" directed by Zhang Yimou and played by the local villagers. This amazing tour will end at Shanghai by taking Maglev Train to the airport.

Include services:

- 14 nights in the above mentioned hotels in double/twin Rooms with bath/shower, daily breakfast included
- 1 night soft sleeper train Beijing to Yangzhou with one piece of check-in luggage of 20 kilo per piece per person free of charge
- Flights Jinan/Xian, Xian/Lijiang, Lijiang/Kunming, Kunming/Guilin, Guilin/Shanghai as mentioned in the program in Economy Class with one piece of 20kg free check-in luggage per person
- Airport tax and current fuel surcharge for the domestic flights
- Meals mentioned in the program in local restaurant with one glass of soft drink included except in restaurant of university campus
- Transfers mentioned in the program in private customary air conditioned car/coaches
- All sightseeing mentioned in the program incl. current entrance fee
- 24 hours telephone hotline (English speaking)

Exclude Services:

- China Visa
- National guide
- Single room in university dormitory
- Any cost not mentioned in the above program
- Tips for guide and driver
- Personal cost
- Cost for over weight luggage for flight and train
- Insurance

Tour Highlights:

- Services of our professional tour guide comprehensive sightseeing in Beijing, Qufu, Xi'an, Lijiang, Guilin, Yangshuo, Shanghai and Suzhou
- Tian'anmen Square and the Forbidden City
- A Chinese Kungfu Show or a Peking Opera in Beijing
- One and a half days' stay with the Chinese students.
- Ethnographic Exploration by small teams
- Go to English Corner at People's University.

- Great Wall at Badalin Section and the Sacred Way and Ming Tombs
- A Peking Roasted Duck dinner at Quanjudei Restaurant
- Ride to Qufu to visit the birthplace of Confusion.
- A Tang Dynasty Welcome Ceremony, passports and keys are given to you when arriving in Xi'an.
- A riding on bike on top of the old city wall in Xi'an.
- The famous Terra Cotta Warrior, Big Wild Goose Pagoda and Bell Town.
- Lijiang Ancient City.
- Visit local homes and appreciate Naxi in the evening in Lijiang.
- The show on the Yulong Snow Mountain – Impression Lijiang; Snow Mountains.
- Dongba Museum.
- A cruise down the Li River to Yangshuo
- A spectacular show in Yangshuo - Impressions: Liu Sanjie
- An amazing acrobat show in Shanghai – ERA
- Farewell Dinner in an Old Station Restaurant in Shanghai
- Taking Maglev Train to the airport in Shanghai

Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1 USA - Beijing (B/D)

Flight from USA to Beijing, China

Accommodation:

Holiday Inn Central Plaza Hotel

Day 2 Beijing (B/L)

Arrive in Beijing

Meet guide in the airport

Lunch at local restaurant

Transfer to the hotel

Accommodation:

Holiday Inn Central Plaza Hotel

Day 3 Beijing (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel

Meet guide at the hotel

Two-hour briefing on Chinese culture, history, social changes, cross-cultural comparisons, social protocols and travel tips, etc.

Lunch at Wahaha Restaurant.

Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City (Complex only)

Dinner at a local restaurant.

Chinese Gongfu Show in the evening.

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Holiday Inn Central Plaza Hotel

Day 4 Beijing (B/L/D)

Breakfast at hotel

Drive to Middle School attached to Beijing Normal University.

Training courses focusing on Chinese language, learn to recognize characters and learn to speak simple language. Chinese calligraphy will be introduced.

Lunch with Chinese students

Training on Chinese Art appreciation and learn painting, paper-cutting

Dinner with Chinese students.

Party with Chinese students.

Accommodation:

University Dormitory

Day 5 Beijing (B/L/D)

Breakfast at dormitory

Taichi for one hour in the morning.

Play classroom activities with Chinese students and some sports games together.

Leave school and lunch at local restaurant (without Chinese students)

Exploration by small teams (without

Chinese student)

Meet up at Origus Pizza Buffet for dinner.

Go to English Corner at People's University after dinner

Accommodation:

Holiday Inn Central Plaza Hotel

Day 6 Beijing - Yangzhou (B/L/D)

Breakfast at the hotel

Excursion to Great Wall at Badalin Section (no cable car incl.)

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Visit Sacred Way and Ming Tombs.

Peking Duck dinner at Quanjude Restaurant (Jingxin)

Transfer to the railway station

K51 23:31/07:51+1 night train to Yangzhou

Day 7 Yangzhou - Qufu - Jinan (B/L/D)

Arrival in Yangzhou

Meet guide at the railway station

Coach to Qufu

Breakfast in local restaurant

Visit Confucius Temple, Confucius Forest & Confucius Mansion and local market

Lunch at local restaurant

Coach to Jinan

Dinner at local restaurant

Transfer to the hotel

Accommodation:

Crown Plaza Hotel Jinan

Day 8 Jinan - Xi'an (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Departure for flight from Jinan to Xi'an.

Meet guide at the airport

Tang Dynasty Welcome Ceremony at North Gate of the city wall in Xi'an, passports and keys are given to the guests.

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Ride on bike on top of the city wall (1.5 hrs)

Lunch at local restaurant

Transfer to the hotel

Visit the Shaanxi History Museum

Dumpling dinner at Defachang restaurant

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Hyatt Regency Xian

Day 9 Xi'an (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Terracotta Warriors

Lunch at local restaurant at the museum

Big Wild Goose Pagoda (no climbing)

Bell Tower

Dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation:

Hyatt Regency Xian

Day 10 Xi'an - Kunming - Lijiang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Transfer to the airport

Fly to Lijiang via Kunming (a direct flight with one stop in Kunming)

Meet guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel

Lijiang Ancient City

Visit ancient town and Naxi People.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Visit local homes and appreciate Naxi in the evening while enjoying the local delicacy

Dinner at local restaurant

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Lijiang Guest House - First Bend Inn

Day 11 Lijiang (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Ride on a bike to Baisha Village and visit temples and frescos.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

Visit Yulong Snow Mountain (cable car incl. to Spruce Meadow)

Impression Lijiang (tourist class)

Dinner at local restaurant.

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Lijiang Guest House - First Bend Inn

Day 12 Lijiang - Kunming - Guilin (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Transfer to the airport

Fly from Lijiang to Kunming, connecting flight from Kunming to Guilin

Meet guide at the airport

Lunch at local restaurant

Fubo Hill

The Reed Flute Cave

Dinner at local restaurant

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Guilin Bravo Hotel

Day 13 Guilin - Yangshuo (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Li River Cruise

Lunch on the board

Afternoon Chinese lesson to learn the basics of this fascinating language (1 hour).

Dinner at a local restaurant

Watch a spectacular show: Impressions of Liu San Jie (tourist class)

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Yangshuo Magnolia Hotel

Day 14 Yangshuo - Shanghai (B/L/D)

Breakfast at Hotel

Fly from Guilin to Shanghai

Meet guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel

The rest of the day is at leisure

Dinner at a local restaurant

Evening: watch a spectacular acrobat Show – ERA(tourist class)

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Heng Sheng Peninsula International Hotel

Day 15 Shanghai (B/L/D)

ABF at Hotel

Nanjing or Huai Hai Road

The colonial-styled Bund

Yu Yuan Garden

Lunch at local restaurant

Jade Buddha Temple

Children's Palace.

Dinner at local restaurant

Accommodation:

Heng Sheng Peninsula International Hotel

Day 16 Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai (B/L/D)

ABF at Hotel

Leave for Suzhou

The Humble Administrator

Garden of the Master of Fishing Net

The new Suzhou Museum designed by I.M. Pei

Inner city Grand Canal cruise

Lunch at local restaurant

Return to Shanghai

Farewell Dinner in the Old Station Restaurant

Transfer back to the hotel

Accommodation:

Heng Sheng Peninsula International Hotel

Day 17 Shanghai (B/L/D)

ABF at Hotel

Transfer to the hotel

Fly to homeland

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**Beijing:****Holiday Inn Central Plaza Hotel (First Class)**

(北京中環假日酒店)

Description

With 322 rooms, this property contains all the amenities and services you would expect from a 4-star hotel. Hair dryer, non-smoking rooms, air conditioning, desk, private safe, in-room movies, tea/coffeemaker, baby crib upon request are among the amenities guests will find in every room. Car rental, salon, travel counter, cocktail lounge, dry cleaning and laundry, nursery, room service, business center are some of the extra comforts you'll find at this Beijing hotel. After a day of work or exploring, whirlpool, sauna, indoor pool, fitness center are some of the ways to unwind. Convenient location, a dedicated staff and first-rate facilities make this hotel a favorite among travelers.

**Jinan:****Crown Plaza Hotel Jinan (Deluxe)**

(濟南貴和皇冠假日酒店)

Description

The hotel is located in the city center, with shopping center and business area nearby. It is on the easy way to visit Damming Lake, Bao Tu Spring Park and spring city square.

**Xi'an:****Hyatt Regency Xi'an (Deluxe)**

(西安凱悅 - 阿房宮- 飯店)

Description

Hyatt Regency is definitely the best deluxe hotel in Xi'an, not only the central location but the nice service. Also, there's business center and a fitness center with gym, spa area, steam room, sauna and massage are available here.

The hotel contains 12 floor(s) accessible with 6 lifts.

Located in the heart of downtown city, within Xian's ancient city walls, no better location than this one. close to the business, shopping and entertainment district, very near to Government street, about 10 minutes to train station by car. It is 43 km from Xian airport. take 50 minutes by car. it's the best location hotel in Xi'an.

**Yangshuo:****Yangshuo Magnolia Hotel (Standard)**

(陽朔白玉蘭酒店)

Description

Magnolia is a beautiful, first-class hotel in the heart of Yangshuo. Open-plan, Ming dynasty inspired decor makes the perfect place to unwind, relax and enjoy your Yangshuo experience. With spacious rooms and soft luscious beds, the Magnolia is an ideal place to retire after a night out in the popular West Street -- a stone's throw from the hotel.

**Lijiang:****Lijiang Guest House - First Bend Inn****Description**

The First Bend Inn is an ancient and typical Naxi quadrangle which has a history of more than 100 years. The guest house is located in the only route to the ancient city center, and just 2 minutes walk from the city entrance. It is the prosperous center district of Lijiang Ancient City. There are 20 guest rooms, 45 beds in this guest house. According to the different guests establish four kinds of the guest rooms: single room, double room, triple room and the room for four people. Because the guest house is a wooden house have more than 100 years, so there is no separate bath room in the guest rooms. But don't worry about it, there has the public shower can accept 6 people to take a shower bath together. The guest house provides the western and Chinese delicacies in different varieties, and you also enjoy the very special and captivating Naxi taste meals.

Note:

The Guest House in Lijiang is subject to change, but we may use the accommodation of the same category.

**Guilin:****Guilin Bravo Hotel (First Class)**

(桂林賓館)

Description

The Guilin Bravo Hotel is located on the banks of the picturesque Rong Lake in the historical part of the town. In addition to offering an excellent location within the city, this new 4-star hotel provides service as one would expect of an international hotel.

Offering an excellent location within the city and within walking distance from most major sights, the Guilin Bravo Hotel is near the Banyan Lake Promenade in the historical part of the town. The Guilin Bravo Hotel is located 28kms from the airport and 3kms from the railway station.

**Shanghai:****Heng Sheng Peninsula International Hotel (First Class)**

(恆生半島酒店)

Description

The hotel is conveniently located near the famous Bund within walking distance to the Sichuan road, one of the main shopping streets in Shanghai, and easily accessible to the Nanjing road, the city's most bustling commercial and shopping center.

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Rates in USD per person in shared double room for the above mentioned period:

TOUR RATE:			
	Jun, 2008	Jul, 2008	Dec, 2008
10+ pax	\$3300	\$3300	\$3300
Single Supplement	\$750	\$750	\$750

Notes:

- No reservation is made and price is subjected to availability.
- There's no single room available in University dormitory for students and teacher
- No western buffet breakfast available at guest house in Lijiang and university dormitory
- Changes of exchange rate between the USD and the Chinese RMB will affect the prices. If there is a change of more than 1% between the USD and the Chinese RMB (exchange rate of the day of invoice compared with the exchange rate of the day of signing the contract), then the invoiced price will be adjusted accordingly
- Tulips Travel reserves the right to charge on to its business partners all eventual fuel surcharges, additional security and insurance taxes in connection with domestic flights

Tulips Travel's terms and Conditions Applies:

1. Tour Price

Tour prices quoted in the attached price sheet are valid within 30 days of quotation. Prices are subject to change without notice.

2. Reservations

All bookings should be made: Individuals (FITS) at least 45 days prior to departure; groups at 90 days prior to departure.

3. Deposits and Final Payment

Deposits of \$500 per person is payable at the time of booking. Full payment immediately upon tour confirmation. Please note all deposits are non-refundable once the tour is confirmed.

4. Cancellations and Refunds for Tours

- a) Cancel 45 days prior to departure, full refund.
- b) Cancel 30 days prior to departure, the charge is 20% of the tour cost
- c) Cancel 15 days prior to departure, the charge is 50% of the tour cost
- d) Cancel 7 days prior to departure, the charge is 90% of the tour cost
- e) Cancel 2 days prior to departure, there is no refund

5. Amendments

All modifications and extensions must be made at time of booking. Any subsequent changes are subject to an amendment fee of \$150 per person per section. No changes may be made after travel has commenced.

6. Itinerary

Itineraries and arrangements are planned with great care. Occasionally for practical or operational reasons it might prove necessary to change either the itinerary or the order of activities, or the routing as specified and whilst such instances may be very rare, the itinerary should be treated as a basic guide only.

7. The Organisers' Liabilities

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