

12-Day Classic China Tour

Beijing · Xi’an · Guilin & Yangshuo · Shanghai

12 days | 4 destinations | Private & tailored

Your detailed itinerary - ready for offline planning

Day-by-day experiences, practical answers and clear service details.

DAY 1 · BEIJING

Arrive in Beijing and settle in

A private transfer and an easy first day give you time to recover from the journey.



Meet your driver | On arrival

Your driver meets you at the airport or railway station and takes you to your selected hotel in downtown Beijing. Settle into your private vehicle while we handle the transfer.

Check in and unwind | Flexible

The rest of the day is free. Rest after your flight or explore the streets around your hotel at your own pace.

DAY 2 · BEIJING

Tiananmen Square and an in-depth Forbidden City visit

Explore the heart of the capital and the courtyards, collections and private world of China’s emperors.



Tiananmen Square

Begin in Tiananmen Square, with views of its monumental surroundings and the Great Hall of the People. Your guide introduces the square’s place in modern China.

Forbidden City

Continue through the Meridian Gate into the former imperial palace. Walk through grand ceremonial courtyards and smaller residential palaces while your guide explains court life and the people who lived here.

Imperial collections | Subject to opening and reservations

Explore the Treasure Gallery and Clock Gallery, with their gold, jade and intricate mechanical clocks. Visits to the Hall of Mental Cultivation and special exhibitions depend on opening arrangements and ticket availability; your final plan will confirm access.

DAY 3 · BEIJING

Walk the Mutianyu Great Wall

Spend the day among mountain ridges, watchtowers and one of China’s most memorable landscapes.



Private drive to Mutianyu

Leave the city behind and travel by private vehicle to the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall. Your guide helps you choose a walking route suited to your interests and fitness.

Cable car and wall walk

Take the cable car towards the mountain ridge, then explore the ancient stones and watchtowers on foot. Pause for photographs and wide views across the hills, with the walking distance adapted to your group.

DAY 4 · BEIJING → XI’AN

Temple of Heaven, Summer Palace and flight to Xi’an

Enjoy Beijing’s temples and imperial gardens before continuing to the ancient capital.



Temple of Heaven

See the blue-tiled halls where emperors once prayed for good harvests. Explore the temple grounds with your guide and learn about the rituals behind the architecture.

Summer Palace

Walk beside Kunming Lake and through the imperial gardens. The lakeside paths, painted corridors and palace scenery offer a different perspective on royal life.

Fly to Xi’an | Flight schedule to be confirmed

Transfer to the airport for your flight to Xi’an. Your local driver meets you on arrival and takes you to your selected hotel. Sightseeing order and time at each stop are adjusted around the confirmed flight.

DAY 5 · XI'AN

Terracotta Warriors, City Wall and Bell Tower

Discover the first emperor's army, then return to the city's historic walls and evening lights.



Terracotta Army Museum

Explore the excavation pits of the Terracotta Army, built to guard China's first emperor in the afterlife. Your guide explains the warriors, horses, chariots and individual details that make this archaeological site remarkable.

Ancient City Wall

Walk along Xi'an's preserved city wall and look out over the old and modern city. Take your time enjoying the broad ramparts and the changing city views.

Bell Tower and evening squares

See the Bell Tower and explore the nearby Bell and Drum Tower area. As the lights come on, look for the local evening atmosphere, including music or square dancing when taking place.

DAY 6 · XI'AN

Giant Wild Goose Pagoda and the Muslim Quarter

Connect Tang Dynasty history with the food, shops and daily life of old Xi'an.



Giant Wild Goose Pagoda

Visit the Giant Wild Goose Pagoda and Da Ci'en Temple. Learn about the Tang Dynasty, the monk Xuanzang and the Buddhist scriptures brought back from India.

Muslim Quarter

Explore the lanes behind the Drum Tower, where family-run shops and food stalls sit among historic buildings. Your guide introduces local specialities and the neighbourhood's cultural heritage; food purchases follow the meals agreed in your proposal.

DAY 7 · XI'AN → GUILIN

Fly to Guilin and enjoy a relaxed arrival

Trade the ancient capital for southern China's karst scenery, with time to settle into your hotel.



Flight from Xi'an to Guilin

Transfer to the airport and fly to Guilin. Domestic flight arrangements are confirmed in your personal proposal.

Private transfer and free time

Meet your driver in the arrivals hall and continue to your hotel in an air-conditioned vehicle. Check in, relax and recharge before exploring Guilin and Yangshuo.

DAY 8 · YANGSHUO

Yangshuo countryside, Xianggong Mountain and evening show

Cycle among karst peaks, enjoy Li River views and end the day with a riverside performance.



Ten Mile Gallery cycling

Enjoy a leisurely ride through the Ten Mile Gallery countryside, passing fields and distinctive karst peaks. Your guide helps adapt the cycling route to your group.

Optional hot-air balloon ride | Optional · At your own expense

If you would like to try it, a hot-air balloon ride can be discussed separately, subject to weather, operator arrangements and availability. It is not included. Guests who are uncomfortable with heights are welcome to skip it.

Xianggong Mountain

Climb the steps to the viewpoint for a panorama of the Li River winding between the mountains. Discuss the walking effort with your guide if you would prefer an easier pace.

Impression Liu Sanjie | Evening · Subject to performance schedule

Watch the outdoor performance with the river and illuminated mountains as its backdrop. The final arrangement depends on the performance schedule and weather.

DAY 9 · GUILIN

Local crafts, limestone caves and Guilin by night

Experience local culture and Guilin’s city landmarks before an illuminated evening cruise.



Osmanthus Commune

Join a hands-on DIY workshop inspired by Guilin’s local culture and create a keepsake of your visit.

Elephant Trunk Hill

Visit Guilin’s signature limestone formation, shaped like an elephant drinking from the Li River, and enjoy the riverside views.

Reed Flute Cave

Explore the illuminated limestone chambers, stalactites and stalagmites with your guide.

Two Rivers and Four Lakes cruise | Evening

See Guilin’s waterways, bridges and pagodas illuminated after dark on the Two Rivers and Four Lakes night cruise.

DAY 10 · GUILIN → SHANGHAI

Morning flight to Shanghai and city exploration

Fly from Guilin to Shanghai in the morning; sightseeing follows your confirmed arrival time.



Morning flight from Guilin to Shanghai | Morning

Transfer to Guilin airport and fly to Shanghai. Your private driver meets you on arrival. The order and pace of the following visits are adjusted to your confirmed flight arrival time.

Jade Buddha Temple and Wukang Road | After arrival, as time allows

Begin with the Jade Buddha Temple, then stroll along Wukang Road beneath its plane trees, past historic villas and neighbourhood cafes.

Xintiandi, Waibaidu Bridge and Lujiazui | Adjusted to flight arrival

Explore Xintiandi’s shikumen architecture, see the river from Waibaidu Bridge and experience the modern towers of Lujiazui. Your guide coordinates these visits around the time available, without rushing to a fixed timetable.

DAY 11 · SHANGHAI

Yu Garden, Nanjing Road and the Bund at night

Move from classical garden paths and old-town lanes to Shanghai’s celebrated waterfront.



Yu Garden and City God Temple area

Walk among the pavilions, ponds and zigzag bridges of Yu Garden. Continue into the nearby City God Temple neighbourhood for traditional architecture, shops and local flavours.

Nanjing Road

Explore the energy of Nanjing Road, one of Shanghai’s best-known shopping streets, on your way towards the waterfront.

The Bund by night | Evening

Stroll along the Bund and enjoy the contrast between the historic buildings on the west bank and the illuminated Pudong skyline across the Huangpu River.

DAY 12 · SHANGHAI

Private transfer for your departure

Finish your journey with an arranged transfer to the airport.



Hotel pickup and airport transfer | Based on your departure flight

Your guide and driver meet you at your hotel and escort you to Shanghai Pudong International Airport. The pickup time is arranged around your flight, hotel location and traffic.

CLEAR BEFORE YOU BOOK

What your trip includes

Your final proposal confirms the services, hotels and transport before you pay.

Included

- Air-conditioned private vehicle with a driver
- Local guides for the sightseeing in your itinerary
- Hotel accommodation with daily breakfast
- Domestic transport specified in your confirmed itinerary
- Entrance tickets, activities and meals listed in your proposal
- Accident insurance as specified in your proposal
- Planning and service support throughout the trip

Not included

- International airfare
- China visa fees, when required
- Personal expenses and single-room supplements
- Optional activities, including the Yangshuo hot-air balloon ride
- Airport transfers outside the confirmed itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers

Your final proposal confirms hotels, room arrangements, transport, included meals and activities. Accident insurance follows the policy and coverage stated in your proposal; ask your specialist for the details. The optional hot-air balloon ride is not included.

USEFUL ANSWERS

Frequently asked questions

Practical details for planning your private China journey.

Is this itinerary suitable for families?

Yes. We can adjust walking distances, start times and rest breaks around your group. Tell us the ages of children and any mobility or room requirements so we can tailor the plan.

When is the best time for this tour?

Spring and autumn are popular for sightseeing. Summer can be warmer and busier, while winter offers a different, quieter experience. Share your dates so we can plan around the conditions and any holidays.

Is the hot-air balloon ride included?

No. It is an optional activity at your own expense, subject to weather and availability. You can skip it if you are uncomfortable with heights; it is not a required part of the tour.

When do we fly from Guilin to Shanghai?

The flight is planned for the morning of Day 10. Shanghai sightseeing takes place after arrival, with the order and pace adjusted to your confirmed flight time.

Can the itinerary be customized?

Yes. Hotel level, extra nights, activities and the daily pace can be adapted to your interests. Tell us what matters most before we prepare your personal proposal.

How do I receive a price and confirm my booking?

Send your dates, group size, room preferences and interests. Your specialist will reply within 48 hours with a tailored proposal. Review the itinerary, services and booking terms before confirming and paying.

What meals and insurance are included?

Daily hotel breakfast and the meals listed in your confirmed proposal are included. Accident insurance is included as specified in your proposal; ask for the policy details and assess whether you need additional travel cover.

How do airport pickups work if my flight changes?

We arrange the arrival transfers listed in your itinerary and share meeting instructions before travel. Let your specialist know about flight changes so the pickup arrangements can be adjusted.

Can you arrange hotels and vehicles for a larger group?

Yes. Share your group size, room preferences and luggage needs. We will confirm suitable hotels and vehicles in your proposal; gallery photographs are examples, not guaranteed assignments.

YOUR CHINA JOURNEY, YOUR WAY

Why choose Wukong China Travel?

Less time coordinating the details. More time enjoying your journey.

Private, not one-size-fits-all

Enjoy private guiding and transport for your sightseeing, with attention to your interests and the needs of your traveling party.

A route shaped around you

Discuss hotels, extra nights, activities and rest time with your specialist before you travel.

Local insight

Understand the stories behind the landmarks and the everyday life around them with guides who know their cities.

Coordinated connections

Your confirmed domestic transport, airport pickups and hotel transfers are planned together, so you are not arranging each part alone.

Clear arrangements before you pay

Review the hotels, services and included activities in your proposal, with optional extras clearly identified.

A direct conversation with your specialist

Use WhatsApp or WeChat to discuss your plans and receive arrival information and booking details. Support continues before and during the journey.

Make this journey yours

Share your dates, group size and priorities. Receive a free, no-obligation personalized proposal within 48 hours.

LET’S PLAN YOUR CHINA JOURNEY

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