

18-Day China Tour: Pandas, Zhangjiajie & Ancient Towns

Beijing · Xi’an · Chengdu · Zhangjiajie · Furong · Fenghuang · Shanghai

18 days | 7 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 gentle arrival day leaves time to rest or explore nearby at your own pace.



Welcome to Beijing | On arrival

Meet your guide and take your included private airport transfer from Beijing Capital or Daxing Airport to your centrally located hotel.

Rest or explore Houhai | Flexible

There is no scheduled sightseeing today. If you have energy, take an independent walk around the Back Lakes and Houhai neighbourhood.

DAY 2 · BEIJING

Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square & Temple of Heaven

Explore imperial courtyards, city views and everyday life in Beijing's parks.



Tiananmen Square and Forbidden City | Morning

Visit Tiananmen Square, then explore the palace courtyards, residential quarters and Imperial Garden with your guide. Entry and the visiting sequence follow confirmed reservations.

Peking roast duck | Lunch

Enjoy the Beijing roast duck meal described in your itinerary.

Jingshan Park and Temple of Heaven | Afternoon

Look across the Forbidden City from Jingshan Park, then visit the Temple of Heaven and its surrounding park. Your guide introduces the buildings and the daily life around them.

DAY 3 · BEIJING

Mutianyu Great Wall & Summer Palace

Mountain views and lakeside gardens make a varied day outside central Beijing.



Mutianyu Great Wall | Morning

Travel by private vehicle to Mutianyu and take the gondola up the hillside. Walk between watchtowers at a distance and pace suited to your family.

Lunch and descent | Midday

Have lunch at a local farmhouse restaurant. The planned toboggan descent depends on operation and suitability; discuss a suitable alternative with your specialist if needed.

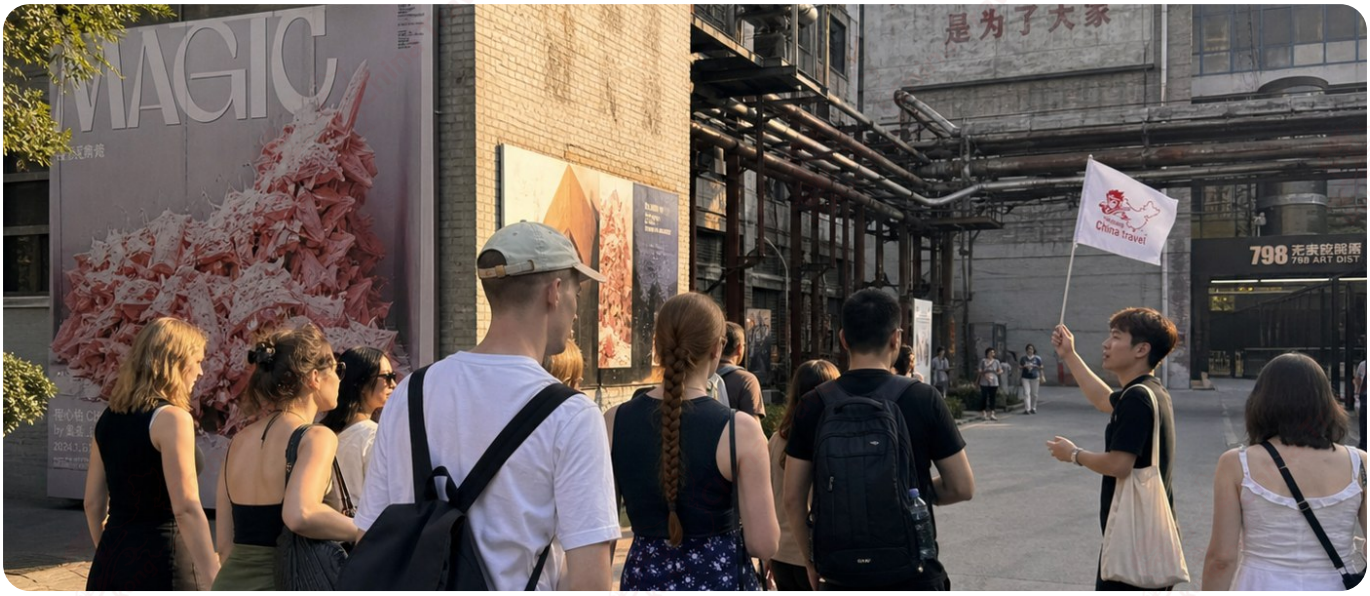
Summer Palace | Afternoon

Explore Kunming Lake, the Long Corridor and the imperial garden scenery. The order and time at each stop can be adjusted around traffic and your walking pace.

DAY 4 · BEIJING

Hutong lanes, Lama Temple & 798 Art District

Discover the neighbourhoods, traditions and contemporary art behind Beijing's monuments.



Hutong pedicab and courtyard visit | Morning

Explore the lanes around Shichahai by pedicab and visit a traditional courtyard home for tea, subject to the confirmed arrangement. Continue to the Drum and Bell Tower area for views over the old neighbourhood.

Local noodles and Lama Temple | Midday

Enjoy noodles in the hutong neighbourhood, then visit the halls and courtyards of Yonghe Gong, also known as the Lama Temple.

798 Art District | Afternoon

Walk through former factory buildings now home to galleries, studios and design spaces. Take time for the art and architecture that interest you.

DAY 5 · BEIJING → XI’AN

Train to Xi’an, Terracotta Warriors & Muslim Quarter

Continue by high-speed rail to Xi'an and begin exploring its imperial history.



High-speed train to Xi’an | Morning

Travel from Beijing to Xi'an by high-speed train. The exact service and station transfers are confirmed in your proposal.

Terracotta Warriors and Huaqing Palace | After arrival

Explore the main excavation pits and Bronze Chariot Museum, then visit Huaqing Palace. Museum access, sightseeing order and time at each stop depend on train arrival and confirmed reservations.

Muslim Quarter | Evening

Walk through the lively food streets with your guide and discover local dishes such as rou jia mo, liangpi and lamb skewers.

DAY 6 · XI’AN

City Wall, history museum & Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Discover Xi'an by bicycle, through its collections and along its evening streets.



City Wall and central landmarks | Morning

Cycle along the Ancient City Wall at a distance suited to your group. Visit the Bell and Drum Tower area, with the planned Bell Tower visit subject to access.

Dumpling banquet | Lunch

Try a selection of dumplings with different shapes and fillings.

Shaanxi History Museum and pagoda | Afternoon

Explore the museum's collections with your guide, subject to confirmed reservations, then visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda.

Tang-style streets | Evening

Stroll through the illuminated Da Tang Bu Ye Cheng pedestrian area.

DAY 7 · XI'AN → CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, meet pandas & explore Kuanzhai Alley

Begin your Chengdu stay with pandas, heritage lanes and Sichuan flavours.



Fly to Chengdu | Morning

Take the planned flight from Xi'an to Chengdu, with transfers coordinated around the confirmed schedule.

First panda-base visit | Afternoon

Visit the Giant Panda Research Base. This afternoon visit complements the next morning's return; sightings and animal activity vary naturally.

Kuanzhai Alley and Sichuan dinner | Evening

Explore the Wide and Narrow Lanes, then try Sichuan dishes with spice levels discussed with your guide.

DAY 8 · CHENGDU

Morning pandas, Leshan Giant Buddha & Wuhou Shrine

Return to the panda base, then discover Sichuan's landmarks and historic streets.



Return to the panda base | Early morning

Enjoy a second visit at a different time of day, with more opportunities to observe the pandas. Actual behaviour and viewing access cannot be guaranteed.

Leshan Giant Buddha | Late morning

Drive to Leshan for the planned river-boat view of the Giant Buddha. Boat operation depends on river and weather conditions. Have lunch near Leshan.

Wuhou Shrine and Jinli | Afternoon and evening

Return to Chengdu to visit Wuhou Shrine and walk through nearby Jinli Ancient Street. Finish with dinner at your guide's recommendation.

DAY 9 · CHENGDU → ZHANGJIAJIE

Dujiangyan, People’s Park & flight to Zhangjiajie

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Dujiangyan Irrigation System | Morning

Explore the irrigation system and have the planned local lunch.

People’s Park | Afternoon

Return to Chengdu for tea and a glimpse of local life, with the visit timed around your flight.

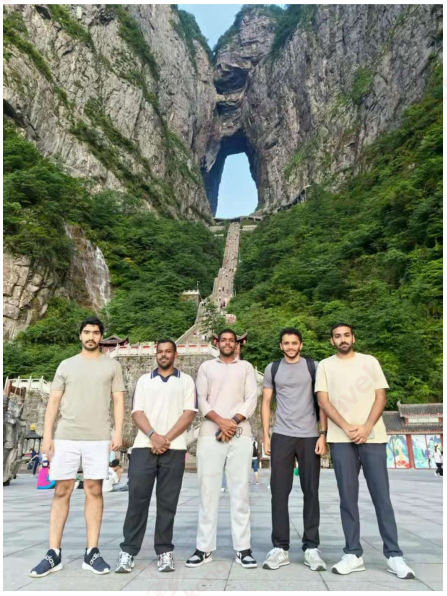
Flight to Zhangjiajie | Evening

Fly to Zhangjiajie, meet your local team and transfer to the hotel. The exact service is confirmed before travel.

DAY 10 · ZHANGJIAJIE

Tianmen Mountain & cliffside views

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Tianmen Mountain and Tianmen Cave | Morning

Take the planned mountain transport and explore Tianmen Cave and the summit viewpoints. The ticketed route, cable-car access and visiting order follow the confirmed arrangements.

Cliffside walkways | Daytime

Explore the planned glass skywalk and cliffside paths at a comfortable pace. Tell your specialist in advance about height concerns or mobility needs so alternatives can be discussed.

Descent and local meal | Later

Descend by the confirmed route, including the 99 Bends Road where applicable, and enjoy the Tujia-style meal described in your plan. Weather and operating conditions may affect access.

DAY 11 · ZHANGJIAJIE

Wulingyuan, Bailong Elevator & sandstone peaks

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Bailong Elevator and Yuanjiajie | Morning

Enter Wulingyuan and take the planned Bailong Elevator ascent. Explore the sandstone-pillar viewpoints around Yuanjiajie, including the formation commonly known as Hallelujah Mountain.

Local lunch and Shili Gallery | Daytime

Have the planned in-park lunch and see the valley scenery around Shili Gallery, using the transport included in your confirmed plan.

Golden Whip Stream | Afternoon

Walk a suitable section of the forest trail beside Golden Whip Stream. Distances and timing are adjusted to your group; keep a respectful distance from wildlife.

DAY 12 · ZHANGJIAJIE → FURONG

Yuanjiajie, Huangshi Zhai & Furong Town

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Early Yuanjiajie viewpoints | Early visit

Visit Yuanjiajie and Mihun Terrace at the earliest practical time allowed by park access. Mist and sunrise conditions are never guaranteed.

Huangshi Zhai and lunch | Daytime

Explore the panoramic viewpoints at Yellow Stone Fortress, with walking or cable-car arrangements confirmed for your group. Have the planned local lunch.

Drive to Furong Town | Afternoon and evening

Travel to Furong Town, settle in and take a first walk around its waterfall and traditional streets. Enjoy the planned Tujia-style dinner and stay overnight in Furong.

DAY 13 · FURONG → FENGHUANG

Furong waterfall town & transfer to Fenghuang

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Furong Ancient Town | Morning

Explore the waterfall viewpoints, old commercial streets and quieter lanes with your guide, learning about the town’s Tujia heritage.

Local lunch and transfer | Daytime

Enjoy the planned local meal, then travel by private vehicle to Fenghuang.

Fenghuang riverside | After arrival

Check in and take a first walk beside the Tuojiang River, Rainbow Bridge and old town walls. Specific accommodation and views are confirmed in your proposal.

DAY 14 · FENGHUANG

Fenghuang river life & old-town heritage

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Tuojiang River boat | Morning

Take the planned boat trip for views of stilt houses, bridges and the old town, subject to local operating conditions.

Crafts and heritage | Daytime

Explore the planned Miao silver-craft visit, Shen Congwen’s former residence and East Gate Tower with your guide. Enjoy the planned Hunan lunch.

Old-town lanes and an evening in Fenghuang | Afternoon and evening

Walk through the residential lanes and local market areas, with time for the riverside atmosphere. Stay in Fenghuang tonight; the Shanghai flight is planned for the next morning.

DAY 15 · FENGHUANG REGION → SHANGHAI

Morning flight to Shanghai & city skyline

A privately planned day, with the pace and timings confirmed around your journey.



Transfer and flight | Morning

Leave Fenghuang for the airport selected in your confirmed proposal and fly to Shanghai. The pickup time is coordinated with the departure airport and flight.

Shanghai Tower and soup dumplings | After arrival

Meet your local team and visit the planned observation area, with the xiaolongbao meal and sightseeing order arranged around arrival and reservations.

The Bund and evening plans | Later

Walk along the Bund and settle into Shanghai. Your guide can recommend dinner in the former French Concession area.

DAY 16 · SHANGHAI

French Concession, Yu Garden & Tianzifang

Explore garden courtyards, old-city streets and the lanes of Shanghai.



French Concession | Morning

Walk along Wukang Road and the surrounding residential streets with your guide, learning how this neighbourhood developed.

Local lunch | Midday

Enjoy the planned lunch at a neighbourhood restaurant recommended by your guide.

Yu Garden and Yuyuan Bazaar | Afternoon

Explore the garden's rockeries, ponds and pavilions, then walk through the surrounding old-city bazaar. Visits follow confirmed reservations.

Tianzifang | Later

Discover the shops, craft studios and cafés in the Shikumen lanes, with time to browse at your own pace.

DAY 17 · SHANGHAI → SUZHOU → SHANGHAI

Suzhou gardens, museum & Pingjiang Road

A full-day excursion brings classical gardens and canal-side streets into focus.



Train to Suzhou and classical gardens | Morning

Travel to Suzhou by high-speed train. Visit the Humble Administrator's Garden and Lingering Garden, with the sequence and time at each garden confirmed for the day.

Suzhou Museum and local lunch | Midday

Explore Suzhou Museum, subject to reservations, and enjoy the planned local meal.

Pingjiang Road and return | Afternoon and evening

Walk beside canals, bridges and traditional shopfronts on Pingjiang Road. Return to Shanghai by evening.

DAY 18 · SHANGHAI

Shanghai at leisure & departure

Enjoy an easy final morning before your onward journey.



A morning at your own pace | Flexible

There is no fixed sightseeing programme. Ask your guide for suggestions based on your interests, such as a gallery, neighbourhood market or a final Bund walk. Optional visits and purchases are not automatically included.

Departure arrangements | At your confirmed time

Your private transfer to Pudong or Hongqiao Airport is included. Your team will confirm the pickup time around your departure flight.

CLEAR BEFORE YOU BOOK

What your trip includes

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

Included

- Private arrival and departure airport transfers within this itinerary
- Air-conditioned private vehicle with driver for included sightseeing
- Local guides for the visits in your confirmed itinerary
- Hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Domestic transport specified in your itinerary
- Tickets, activities and meals specified in your itinerary
- Accident insurance, subject to the confirmed policy and coverage
- Planning and coordination throughout your trip

Not included

- International airfare
- Visa fees, when applicable
- Personal expenses and single-room supplement
- Optional activities and meals not specified in your proposal
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Extra transfers outside the confirmed itinerary

Your final proposal confirms transport, hotels, services and insurance coverage before you pay. Gallery photos illustrate possible arrangements rather than guaranteed hotels or vehicle models.

USEFUL ANSWERS

Frequently asked questions

Practical details for planning your private China journey.

Does this 18-day route include Guilin?

No. This route follows Zhangjiajie, Furong and Fenghuang after Chengdu, then continues to Shanghai.

How much walking is involved?

Mountain paths, steps and old-town lanes can be uneven. Tell us about mobility and height concerns so walking distances, transport and hotel access can be discussed before booking.

When do we leave Fenghuang?

Stay in Fenghuang on Day 14, then take the planned morning flight to Shanghai on Day 15. Your proposal confirms the departure airport and pickup time.

Can this itinerary be customized?

Yes. Discuss dates, mobility, hotel comfort, room needs and interests with your specialist. Changes and any price differences are confirmed in your personal proposal.

Are arrival and departure airport transfers included?

Yes. Private airport transfers for arrival and departure within this itinerary are included. Share your flight details so pickup times can be coordinated. Extra transfers outside the confirmed itinerary are quoted separately.

How are hotels and vehicles selected?

Tell us your preferred comfort level, room type, group size and luggage needs. Gallery images are examples; exact hotels, room arrangements, vehicles and available facilities are confirmed in your proposal.

How do I receive a price and book?

Send your dates, group size and priorities through this page’s form, WhatsApp or email. We will prepare a personalized proposal and confirm the services and booking details before you pay.

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.

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