Wukong China Travel



20-Day China Discovery: Pandas, Zhangjiajie & River Landscapes

Beijing · Xi’an · Chengdu · Zhangjiajie & Furong · Guilin & Yangshuo · Shanghai & Hangzhou

20 days | 6 route stages | Private & tailored

Your detailed itinerary - ready for offline planning

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

YOUR ROUTE AT A GLANCE

20 days. 19 nights.

Beijing to Shanghai, with time for pandas, mountains, ancient-town evenings and river scenery.

Days 1-4 | Beijing · 4 nights

Palaces, the Great Wall, hutong lanes and imperial gardens.

Days 5-6 | Xi’an · 2 nights

High-speed rail from Beijing, city heritage and the Terracotta Warriors.

Days 7-9 | Chengdu · 3 nights

A morning with pandas, local tea culture and Leshan.

Days 10-13 | Zhangjiajie & Furong · 4 nights

Three nights in Zhangjiajie and one in Furong’s waterfall town.

Days 14-16 | Guilin & Yangshuo · 3 nights

One night in Guilin and two in Yangshuo; a Li River cruise and countryside time.

Days 17-20 | Shanghai & Hangzhou · 3 nights

Stay in Shanghai, with a return day trip to Hangzhou. Depart on Day 20.

Connections and travel days

Days 10, 14 and 17 are reserved for key transfers. Chengdu to Zhangjiajie, Furong to Guilin, and Guilin to Shanghai are confirmed for your actual dates; direct services are not assumed.

Hangzhou is a return day trip from Shanghai on Day 19. Keep the same Shanghai hotel room for three nights. Day 20 is your departure day.

DAY 1 · BEIJING

Arrive in Beijing and settle in

An easy arrival day gives you time to rest and find your bearings.



Airport arrival | On arrival

Meet your local team at Beijing Capital or Daxing Airport and transfer to your hotel. Your pickup is arranged around the confirmed flight.

Rest or explore nearby | At your pace

Settle in after your journey. If you arrive early and feel ready, take an independent walk around Shichahai or the streets near your hotel.

Overnight: Beijing

DAY 2 · BEIJING

Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City & Jingshan

Discover the imperial capital through palace courtyards and a view across its rooftops.



Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City | Morning

Explore the square and the Forbidden City with your guide, following confirmed reservations. Walk through the principal courtyards and learn about imperial life.

Jingshan Park and old streets | Afternoon

Climb to the viewpoint in Jingshan Park for a panorama of the palace roofs, then take a relaxed walk through nearby streets.

Peking roast duck | Optional evening meal

Ask your specialist to arrange a roast-duck dinner if you would like to include this Beijing classic. Meal arrangements are confirmed in your quote.

Overnight: Beijing

DAY 3 · BEIJING

Mutianyu Great Wall & hutong life

Pair mountain scenery with a relaxed introduction to Beijing’s old neighbourhoods.



The Great Wall at Mutianyu | Morning

Travel to Mutianyu and explore a section of the wall suited to your walking pace. Cable-car and descent options are selected around your preferences and operating conditions.

Return to Beijing | After lunch

Allow time for the drive back and a break before exploring the city again.

Shichahai and hutong lanes | Later afternoon

Walk around the lanes and the Drum Tower neighbourhood, with time to stop for tea. Shorten the walk if you prefer more rest after the Great Wall.

Overnight: Beijing

DAY 4 · BEIJING

Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace

A day of ceremonial architecture, park life and lakeside gardens.



Temple of Heaven | Morning

Visit the temple complex and its surrounding park, learning about imperial ceremonies and the everyday life of the city’s public spaces.

Summer Palace | Afternoon

Explore the Long Corridor and Kunming Lake scenery. Your guide adjusts the walking route to your energy and the conditions on the day.

A free evening | Evening

Enjoy dinner at your own pace and prepare for tomorrow’s journey to Xi’an.

Overnight: Beijing

DAY 5 · BEIJING → XI'AN

Train to Xi'an, City Wall & local flavours

Travel between two ancient capitals, with a flexible first afternoon in Xi'an.



High-speed train to Xi'an | Travel day

Transfer to the station and take the planned train to Xi'an. Your final service and station transfers are confirmed before travel.

Ancient City Wall | After arrival, if time allows

Check in and explore the wall on foot or by bicycle, depending on your preferences, arrival time and local arrangements.

Bell Tower area and food streets | Evening

Walk through the streets around the Bell and Drum Towers and the Muslim Quarter, with suggestions for local snacks.

Overnight: Xi'an

DAY 6 · XI’AN

Terracotta Warriors & Big Wild Goose Pagoda

Give the Terracotta Warriors the attention they deserve, then explore Tang-era heritage.



Terracotta Warriors | Morning

Visit the main excavation pits with your guide and leave time to take in the scale and detail of the figures.

Big Wild Goose Pagoda area | Afternoon

Return to the city and explore the pagoda neighbourhood. Museum lovers may replace the afternoon with Shaanxi History Museum, subject to reservations.

Tang-style evening streets | Optional evening walk

Visit the illuminated Da Tang Bu Ye Cheng pedestrian area if you would like to continue exploring.

Overnight: Xi’an

DAY 7 · XI'AN → CHENGDU

Train to Chengdu & Kuanzhai Alley

Arrive in Sichuan and settle into its food, tea and neighbourhood culture.



High-speed rail to Chengdu | Travel day

Take the planned train from Xi'an to Chengdu, followed by a station pickup and hotel transfer. Exact services are confirmed for your dates.

Kuanzhai Alley | After arrival

Explore the Wide and Narrow Lanes at an easy pace, with cafés, teahouses and traditional-style courtyards.

Your first Sichuan dinner | Evening

Choose local dishes or a hotpot experience with your guide's advice. Spice levels and meal preferences can be discussed in advance.

Overnight: Chengdu

DAY 8 · CHENGDU

Morning pandas, People’s Park & Jinli

Meet Chengdu’s best-known residents, then slow down over a cup of tea.



Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding | Early morning

Make one early visit to the panda base and explore the viewing areas with your guide. Animal activity and access vary naturally.

Tea in People’s Park | Afternoon

Enjoy the atmosphere of a local teahouse and watch everyday life unfold in the park.

Wuhou Shrine and Jinli | Later, to suit your interests

Visit the shrine and nearby Jinli streets, or keep the latter part of the day free for your own discoveries.

Overnight: Chengdu

DAY 9 · CHENGDU ↔ LESHAN

Leshan Giant Buddha day trip

Spend a full day on Sichuan's monumental riverside landmark.



Travel to Leshan | Morning

Leave Chengdu for Leshan with your guide. The day focuses on the Giant Buddha and local food, with time for the journey each way.

View the Giant Buddha | Daytime

Choose a land-based visit or a river-boat view according to your interests, mobility, reservations and river conditions. Boat operation is weather dependent.

Return to Chengdu | Afternoon

Head back to Chengdu and enjoy a relaxed evening. If engineering heritage interests you more, a full-day Dujiangyan visit can replace Leshan.

Overnight: Chengdu

DAY 10 · CHENGDU → ZHANGJIAJIE

Travel to Zhangjiajie & settle in

Keep today flexible for the connection into China’s sandstone mountain country.



Your onward connection | Travel day

Travel from Chengdu to Zhangjiajie by the flight or rail arrangement confirmed for your dates. A nonstop service is not assumed; this day is reserved for the journey.

Arrival and hotel transfer | After arrival

Meet your local team, check in and rest. If arrival time allows, enjoy a short local walk or ask for a Hunan-style dinner recommendation.

Overnight: Zhangjiajie

DAY 11 · ZHANGJIAJIE

Yuanjiajie & Tianzi Mountain

A full day among the sandstone pillars of Wulingyuan.



Yuanjiajie viewpoints | Morning

Enter the forest park and explore Yuanjiajie's famous sandstone-pillar viewpoints. The route combines walking and the park transport confirmed in your plan.

Tianzi Mountain | Afternoon

Continue to Tianzi Mountain for wide views of the peaks. Your guide coordinates the Bailong Elevator, cable cars and park buses around your chosen route and daily conditions.

Return and rest | Later

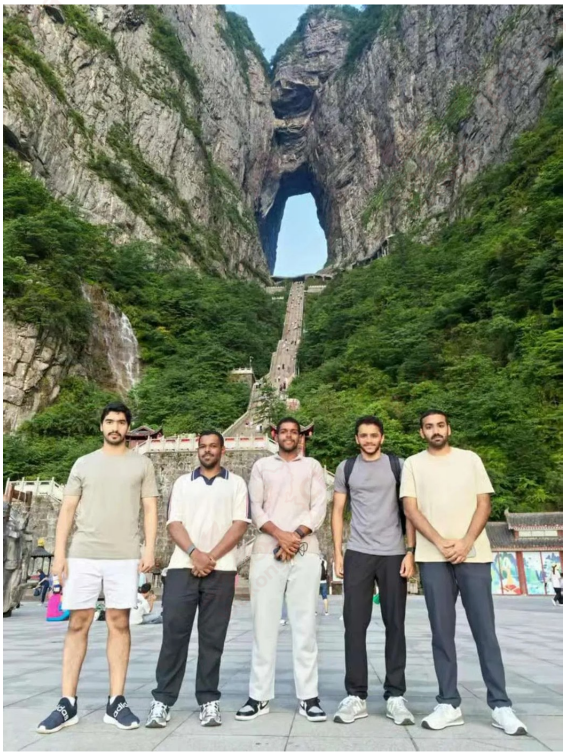
Leave time to return to your hotel after a full day outdoors. Walking distances can be adjusted to your group.

Overnight: Zhangjiajie

DAY 12 · ZHANGJIAJIE

Tianmen Mountain & cliffside paths

Explore the mountain summit and the dramatic opening of Tianmen Cave.



Tianmen Mountain | Daytime

Follow the route allocated by your reserved ticket, taking in the summit viewpoints, cliffside paths and Tianmen Cave as access allows.

Glass skywalk choice | Optional experience

The glass skywalk is optional. Tell your specialist if you prefer to avoid heights so the walking route can be adapted.

Back to your hotel | Afternoon or early evening

Descend by the confirmed route and enjoy a restful evening before tomorrow’s ancient-town stay.

Overnight: Zhangjiajie

DAY 13 · ZHANGJIAJIE → FURONG

Furong’s waterfall, stone lanes & evening lights

Stay overnight in the waterfall town and enjoy it beyond a brief daytime stop.



Travel to Furong | After breakfast

Transfer to Furong and settle into your accommodation. Exact hotel access and luggage arrangements are confirmed in advance.

Waterfall views and old streets | Afternoon

Explore the waterfall viewpoints, stone-paved lanes and Tujia-style streets with time for photographs and a tea break.

An evening in the ancient town | Evening

Enjoy the old-town atmosphere and illuminated waterfall, subject to local lighting arrangements. Stay in Furong tonight.

Overnight: Furong

DAY 14 · FURONG → GUILIN

Rail journey to Guilin & a gentle first evening

Leave the ancient town behind and continue towards the Li River landscapes.



Rail connection to Guilin | Travel day

Transfer to the station and continue to Guilin. Direct or connecting rail services will be selected for your actual dates; no specific train is assumed.

Check in and explore if time allows | After arrival

If you arrive with time and energy, take a light visit around Elephant Trunk Hill or the Two Rivers and Four Lakes area. Otherwise, go straight to your hotel.

Guilin flavours | Evening

Ask for a recommendation for Guilin rice noodles and enjoy a relaxed first night.

Overnight: Guilin

DAY 15 · GUILIN → YANGSHUO

Li River cruise & Yangshuo’s West Street

Let the river carry you through the region’s signature karst scenery.



Cruise the Li River | Morning and daytime

Transfer to the pier for the planned cruise from Guilin towards Yangshuo, passing karst peaks, bamboo-lined banks and riverside villages. Sailing arrangements follow the confirmed service and river conditions.

Settle into Yangshuo | After the cruise

Check in and take a break before a relaxed walk around West Street.

Evening performance | Optional, separately quoted

Impression Liu Sanjie can be added if you wish, subject to performance schedules and weather.

Overnight: Yangshuo

DAY 16 · YANGSHUO

Yulong River & countryside at your pace

A full day for quiet lanes, river views and village life.



Yulong River landscapes | Morning

Choose a suitable bamboo-raft experience, countryside cycling or a relaxed village walk. Activities depend on weather, river operation and participant requirements.

Choose your afternoon | Afternoon

Stay in the Yulong River countryside for a slower pace, or add Xingping Ancient Town and a classic Li River viewpoint if you prefer more sightseeing.

A second night in Yangshuo | Evening

Enjoy an unhurried dinner and a final evening among the karst hills.

Overnight: Yangshuo

DAY 17 · YANGSHUO → GUILIN → SHANGHAI

Fly to Shanghai & discover the Bund

Move from river landscapes to Shanghai's waterfront skyline.



Transfer and flight | Travel day

Travel from Yangshuo to Guilin Airport with time for check-in, then take your confirmed flight to Shanghai.

Arrival in Shanghai | After arrival

Meet your local team and transfer to your hotel.

The Bund | If arrival time allows

Enjoy an evening waterfront walk. If your flight arrives late, move the Bund visit to tomorrow and rest tonight.

Overnight: Shanghai

DAY 18 · SHANGHAI

Yu Garden, old-city streets & Wukang Road

Discover the city through garden courtyards, neighbourhood walks and its skyline.



Yu Garden and the Old City | Morning

Visit Yu Garden and explore the surrounding old-city streets, following confirmed opening and reservation arrangements.

Wukang Road and the former French Concession | Afternoon

Walk along leafy streets lined with historic buildings and cafés, with time to stop where something catches your eye.

Skyline options | Flexible

Include the Bund today if it was not possible yesterday. Shanghai Tower can be added by shortening the neighbourhood walk; tickets are confirmed separately in your proposal.

Overnight: Shanghai

DAY 19 · SHANGHAI → HANGZHOU → SHANGHAI

West Lake & Longjing tea in Hangzhou

A lakeside and tea-country day trip, with another night in your Shanghai hotel.



Train to Hangzhou and West Lake | Morning

Take an early high-speed train to Hangzhou and meet your local team. Explore a lakeside walking route suited to your pace.

Longjing tea village | Afternoon

Visit a tea-growing village for tea-field scenery and an introduction to local tea culture. If Buddhist heritage is your priority, Lingyin Temple and Feilai Peak can replace this visit.

Return to Shanghai | Evening

Return by the confirmed train and transfer to your hotel. Keep the same Shanghai room for all three nights.

Overnight: Shanghai

DAY 20 · SHANGHAI

A relaxed morning & departure

Finish your journey with time for your onward flight.



Free time | According to your flight

Enjoy breakfast, a nearby walk or last-minute shopping if your departure time allows. There is no fixed sightseeing programme today.

Airport transfer | At your confirmed time

Your team coordinates the transfer to Pudong or Hongqiao Airport around your international flight.

Departure day - no overnight stay

CLEAR BEFORE YOU BOOK

What your proposal covers

A clear proposed service scope, with every detail confirmed in your personal quote.

Planned services

- 19 nights of accommodation at the comfort level confirmed in your quote
- Private arrival and departure airport transfers within the agreed route
- Local guides and private ground transport for confirmed sightseeing
- Domestic rail and flights specified in your final proposal
- The Li River cruise and attraction tickets listed in your quote
- Breakfasts and other meals expressly listed in your proposal
- Trip planning and local coordination throughout the journey

Not included

- International flights and visa fees, where applicable
- Personal expenses and any single-room supplement
- Meals, activities and upgrades not listed in your quote
- Optional shows, experiences and extra sightseeing
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel insurance unless expressly arranged and confirmed

This is the proposed service scope, not a fixed-price package. Your itemised quote confirms hotels, rooms, transport, meals, tickets and optional activities before booking. No specific flight, train or hotel is guaranteed by this sample itinerary.

USEFUL ANSWERS

Frequently asked questions

Practical details for planning your private China journey.

Does this journey include all the destinations shown?

Yes. The suggested route covers Beijing, Xi’an, Chengdu, Zhangjiajie, Furong, Guilin, Yangshuo, Shanghai and a return day trip to Hangzhou. The six route stages group nearby destinations together.

How are the 19 hotel nights arranged?

Beijing 4 nights; Xi’an 2; Chengdu 3; Zhangjiajie 3; Furong 1; Guilin 1; Yangshuo 2; Shanghai 3. Day 20 is your departure day. Hangzhou is a day trip from Shanghai.

Are there direct connections between every stop?

Direct services are not assumed. Chengdu-Zhangjiajie, Furong-Guilin and Guilin-Shanghai are checked for your actual dates before the final proposal. Days 10, 14 and 17 allow for these transfers.

How much walking and exposure to heights is involved?

The Great Wall and the mountain days involve walking, steps and changes in level. Routes and transport can be adapted to your needs. Tianmen’s glass skywalk is optional; let us know about mobility needs or height concerns before planning.

Can we change Leshan or the Hangzhou tea visit?

Yes. A full-day Dujiangyan visit can replace Leshan on Day 9. Lingyin Temple and Feilai Peak can replace the Longjing tea visit in Hangzhou. Changes are reflected in your final itinerary and quote.

Is a second panda visit included?

The suggested plan includes one early-morning visit on Day 8. Day 7 is for travelling to Chengdu and exploring Kuanzhai Alley. Additional panda experiences can be discussed separately.

Are bamboo rafting and the evening show compulsory?

No. In Yangshuo, choose suitable rafting, cycling or village walking with your specialist. The Impression Liu Sanjie show is optional and separately quoted. Activities remain subject to weather, operation and participant requirements.

How do we get a price?

Send your travel dates, group size, room needs and preferred hotel comfort level. We will prepare an itemised proposal for your review. The final services and transport are agreed before booking.

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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