

# CHINA: FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN

12 or 14 days | Beijing | Mutianyu | Xi'an | Guilin | Yangshuo | Shanghai | Suzhou | Extension to Hong Kong

The modern capital Beijing—with its sprawling Summer Palace and the majestic Great Wall—is a worthy successor to the former capital Xi'an. That ancient city is home to the Terracotta Army and other monuments to ancient Chinese customs. In the south, Yangshuo's natural formations are equally as eye opening—where dramatic mountain peaks and cliffs are highlighted by the enchanting Moon Hill.

## YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



**Full-time Tour Director**



**Sightseeing:** 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (5 *with extension*); 3 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 walking tour



**Entrances:** Tiananmen Square; Forbidden City; Summer Palace; dragon boat ride (*seasonal*); tai chi lesson; Great Wall of China; tea ceremony; bike ride; Terracotta Warriors; Calligraphy class; Moon Hill; Yulong river bamboo raft cruise; Shanghai Tower; Jade Buddha Temple; Yu Yuan Garden; Master of the Nets Garden; *with extension:* Star Ferry ride; Peak Tram; dim sum tasting



**Personalized learning guide:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.



**All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flights; 10 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (12 *with extension*); breakfast and dinner daily (1 *dinner with extension*)



The Great Wall of China



Shanghai



*Anyone can see the world.*

# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your Tour Director in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. Expert local guides will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

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— MELISSA, TRAVELER



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## What you'll experience on your tour

### Day 1: Fly overnight to China

#### Day 2: Beijing

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. During your stay, behold the opulence of its ancient temples, palaces, and gates.

#### Day 3: Beijing

- Take an expertly guided tour of Beijing.
- Visit the Summer Palace.
- Step back in time during your visit to the Forbidden City, whose grandeur is epitomized by the golden-roofed Imperial Palace.
- Visit Tiananmen Square, a site of worldwide cultural significance.
- Take a dragon boat ride (*April-Oct*).
- Participate in a tai chi lesson.
- Enjoy an authentic Peking duck dinner.

#### Day 4: Beijing | Badaling

- Travel to Mutianyu.
- Visit the Great Wall of China. Construction of this 3,000-mile man-made marvel, used to defend the Chinese Empire against northern invaders, began in the third century B.C.
- Participate in a tea ceremony.
- Take a guided walking tour of a Hutong neighborhood. These narrow, interconnected alleysways and courtyard homes date back to the 13th century.
- Enjoy an authentic Chinese meal with Hutong families.

#### Day 5: Beijing | Xi'an

- Fly to Xi'an, where the massive wall surrounding the city is a testament to its importance: It has served as the capital of 11 dynasties. While here, you'll follow in the footsteps of Silk Road traveler Marco Polo.
- Take a bike ride on the ancient City Wall.
- Enjoy a free evening to explore more of Xi'an or [⊕ attend The Great Qin Show](#).

#### Day 6: Xi'an

- Take an expertly guided tour of Xi'an.
- Visit the Terracotta Warriors. These life-size sculptures were created to protect the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, founder of the Qin Dynasty. Of these 6,000 models, no two are alike.
- Participate in a calligraphy class.
- Visit a street food market in the city's Muslim Quarter.

#### Day 7: Guilin | Yangshuo

- Fly to Guilin.
- Travel to Yangshuo.
- Take a walking tour of West Street.

#### Day 8: Yangshuo

- Take an expert-led tour of Yangshuo.
- Take a Yulong River bamboo raft excursion.
- Climb Moon Hill.
- Enjoy a free evening or [⊕ participate in a cooking class](#).

#### Day 9: Yangshuo | Shanghai

- Fly to Shanghai and discover a nexus point of ancient custom and modern technology.
- Ascend Shanghai Tower, the tallest building in all of Shanghai and take in this world-class city from the observation deck.
- Enjoy time to explore the Bund at your own pace. Once considered the "Wall Street of the East," the Bund is a waterfront promenade offering a postcard-perfect view of Shanghai's famous skyline.

#### Day 10: Yangshuo

- Take an expertly guided tour of Shanghai.
- Visit the Jade Buddha Temple. Sculpted out of white jade, these Buddhas were brought from Burma by a Chinese monk in the last century. One portrays Buddha experiencing Enlightenment, the other his transcendence into Nirvana.
- Stroll past goldfish ponds and admire the classical Chinese landscape in the Yu Garden.
- See Nanjing Lu, or Nanjing Road.

#### Day 11: Shanghai

- Take a tour of Suzhou.
- Visit Master of the Nets Garden.
- Enjoy time to explore Suzhou's museums at your own pace.

#### Day 12: Depart for home

### ⊕ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

#### Day 12: Hong Kong

- Fly to Hong Kong.
- Visit the Temple Street night market.
- Watch "A Symphony of Lights" from the Avenue of Stars.
- Take a ride on the Star Ferry.

#### Days 13: Hong Kong

- Ride the half-mile-long Central-Mid Levels Escalators.
- Take a tour of Hong Kong. With your Tour Director you'll see Aberdeen fishing village and Repulse Bay.
- Take the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak.
- Enjoy a dim sum tasting.

#### Day 14: Depart for home

### TOP THREE THINGS I WILL SEE, DO, TRY, OR EXPLORE

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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