

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHINA

12 or 14 days | Beijing | Xi'an | Chengdu | Dujiangyan | Shanghai | Extension to Hong Kong

Step into a world where old meets new and people meet pandas. This experiential voyage spans the best of China, from the hustle and bustle of Beijing to the tranquility of tai chi. Marvel at the Great Wall from a special vantage point, and stand in awe of the Terracotta Army in Xi'an—a sea of stone soldiers protecting their emperor in the afterlife. Ready for things to get fluffy? Head to a panda research center in Chengdu to learn about its adorable occupants.

YOUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 rickshaw tour



Entrances: Tiananmen Square; Forbidden City; Summer Palace; dragon boat ride (seasonal); tai chi lesson; Great Wall of China; cable car ride; bike ride on Xi'an city wall; Terracotta Army; calligraphy class; panda research center; tea farm; Dujiangyan Irrigation System; Mount Qingcheng; Shanghai Tower; Jade Buddha Temple; Yu Garden; *with extension: Peak Tram; Star Ferry ride*



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; 2 internal flights (3 *with extension*); 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 *with extension*); breakfast and dinner daily (2 *dinner with extension*)



Explore the Forbidden City



Visit a Panda Research Center

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.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



Learn from your Tour Director and expert local guides



Try Peking duck, a Beijing dish served with pancakes and scallions



Teracotta Warriors

CHECK OUT WHAT A TOUR IS ALL ABOUT

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Your teacher's Tour Website

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, where you'll visit Tiananmen Square, the Summer Palace and the Forbidden City, whose grandeur is epitomized by the golden-roofed Imperial Palace.
- Take a dragon boat ride (*April-Oct*).
- Participate in a tai chi lesson.
- Visit a local school (*if in session*).
- Enjoy an authentic Peking duck dinner.

Day 4: Beijing

- Visit a section of the Great Wall of China that's less traveled by tourists and one of its best preserved. Construction of the wall began in the third century B.C.
- Take a cable car ride for a scenic view of the Great Wall.
- See the Bird's Nest Olympic stadium.
- 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 Xi'an or [+ take a dumpling class](#).

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: Xi'an | Chengdu

- Travel by high-speed train to Chengdu.
- Tour Chengdu's most famous pedestrian street.
- Take a guided tour of Chengdu. Learn about the city's ancient history with an expert local guide, and see why it's a modern-day hub of communication, economic, and transportation.
- Enjoy a family-style hot pot dinner.
- Explore on your own or [+ enjoy a Sichuan Opera "face-changing" performance](#).

Day 8: Chengdu

- Spend a half day at a panda research center. Learn about the center's research and conservation efforts to save giant pandas.
- Bike to a tea farm and try your hand at picking tea leaves alongside local farmers.

Day 9: Chengdu | Dujiangyan

- Take in the Chinese countryside on a day trip to a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Explore the Dujiangyan Irrigation System, a feat of engineering dating back to 256 B.C.
- Enjoy a cable car ride and short hike to the top of Mount Qingcheng.

Day 10: Chengdu | 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.
- Explore more of Shanghai on your own or [+ attend a Chinese acrobatics show](#).

Day 11: Shanghai

- 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 12: Depart for home

+ 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 12-14: Shanghai | Hong Kong

- Fly to Hong Kong.
- Take the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak.
- Explore the Temple Street Night Market.
- Take a ride on the Star Ferry across Victoria Harbor.
- Enjoy dinner in Kowloon.
- Watch the cityscape come alive in a dazzling light show.
- Enjoy a dim sum tasting.
- Full day to see more of Hong Kong or [+ Visit Lantau Island](#).
- Enjoy a dim sum tasting.
- Depart for home.

Traveling to China showed me a whole new world outside of my life in North Carolina. Now that I know that there is so much more out there in our world, I want to travel and see new places as much as I possibly can!

– CAITLIN, TRAVELER



This tour was the highlight of my Senior Year! Going to all the different places (The Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, the local language school, the Jade Buddha Temple, etc.) made me so much more aware of the world around me, and the difference between the cultures.

– RACHEL, TRAVELER



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

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2. _____
3. _____

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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