

Grand Tour

CHINA

16 days

01 - 16 September 2024

Beijing, Great Wall, Xi'an, Guilin, Suzhou, Zhouzhuang, Li River, Yangzhou, Shanghai, Kunshan City...

Sun 01 Sep Meet the tour leader at Malta International Airport at 14:25 to check in for our flight by Emirates Airlines via Dubai depart by EK749 at 15:25 (Local Time)

Mon 02 Sep **Beijing:** Arrive Beijing by EK 306 at 15:10 (Local Time) transfer to our 4 Star 'Novotel Xinqiao' Located in the heart of Beijing. Check-in dinner and overnight

Tue 03 Sep **Beijing:** After Breakfast Full day to explore the city of Beijing. First we start visiting **Tian' Anmen Square** with its plenitude of monuments testifying to the communist, and more specifically, Mao's influence on China's modern history, and then driving to the **Forbidden City**, the largest and best-preserved palatial complex still existing, also known as the Palace Museum. Then proceed to the **Temple of Heaven**, the place where the emperors prayed for peace and harvest. In the evening **dinner**, followed by an **Acrobatic show** in a local theatre



Wed 04 Sep **Beijing:** Beijing: Today we drive to **Mutianyu Great Wall of China** which is known for its beautiful surroundings - dense woods and rich pastures changing colors with the seasons of a year. Return by cable car and proceed to visit the sacred road, **Jade Carving**, and the **Olympic Stadium** for a photo shoot. Dinner and overnight

Thu 05 Sep **Beijing/ Xi'an:** After breakfast depart to visit the **Summer Palace** with a boat ride on the famous **Kunming Lake**. Continue. Then we continue to the airport to fly to **Xi'an**. Check in at the **4 Star 'Grand Dynasty Culture Hotel'** located in central Xian one of the ancient capitals in China. Dinner & overnight

Fri 06 Sep **Xi'an:** Today we visit the World famous 6'000 life size **Terracotta Warriors and Horses**, buried with the first Chinese Emperor Qin Shi Huang. On our way back we visit the '**Hua gig Hot Springs**' the site of a famous imperial bathing pool and various palace complexes over its 3,000-year history. In the Evening Dumpling Dinner followed by Tang Dynasty Music and Dance Show.

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Sat 07 Sep **Xi'an:** Breakfast. Visit the **Great Mosque** in Xian which is one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China and its location is northwest of the Drum Tower on Huajue Lane. It is really worth to see the Great Mosque, not only for its centuries-old history but also for its particular design of mixed architecture - traditional Muslim and Chinese styles. Continue our visit to the **Ancient City Wall** which is the best-preserved Wall in China. After proceeding to visit the **Wild Goose Pagoda** which is a very well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists. Back to the hotel.

Sun 08 Sep **Xi'an / Guilin.** Breakfast. Transfer to airport for our domestic flight to **Guilin** one of China's most scenic areas. Upon arrival visit of the '**Reed Flute Cave**' Guilin's largest and most impressive cave. This cave is 790 feet deep. As we will walk for some 400 meters through a zigzagging way of stalactites and stalagmites in dazzling colors. Check in at the **4 stars 'Lijiang Waterfall Hotel** located in city centre and surrounded by some of the most popular shopping areas.



Mon 09 Sep **Guilin:** After breakfast transfer to Lijiang pier to embark for a **cruise on Li River** to **Yangzhou** (Snack on board). Li River is one of the most popular and picturesque scenic spots in China, it was also listed as one of the World's Top Ten Watery Wonders by America's National Geographic Magazine. And in recognition for its beauty, the image of the Li River is featured on the current 20 Yuan banknote. Lunch on board. Disembark at **Yangzhou** and take a stroll over the west street. Drive back to Guilin by private coach.

Tue 10 Sep **Guilin / Suzhou:** Breakfast. Transfer to Guilin apt. to fly to Shanghai and transfer to **Suzhou**, one of the oldest towns in the Yangtze basin. With its interconnected waterways and beautiful environment, the city is often referred to as "The Venice of the East." After dinner we take you to the Garden Masters of the Nest for a Folk Dance & Music Performance. This is the smallest residential garden in Suzhou, but it's the most impressive because the use of space creates an illusion of a much bigger area than its actual size. Dinner and Overnight at the **Hotel Pan Pacific Suzhou**

Wed 11 Sep **Suzhou:** Today we have a full day around Suzhou. First we visit the **Tiger Hill**, known also as Surging Sea Hill, is a large hillock covering some 14100 square metres. Then proceed with the tour of a **silk spinning factory** to see how Chinese silk has been produced since the 14th century, then continue our visit to the Couples retreat Garden which is listed in the cultural relics unit as well as a UNESCO World Heritage along with other classical Suzhou gardens. Then we go by the canal for 1hr boat trip on the 'Grand Canal of China' which is the longest ancient canal in the world. Dinner and overnight.

Thu 12 Sep **Suzhou / Shanghai:** After breakfast transfer to the largest Chinese city 'Shanghai' but first we visit the ancient town of Zhouzhuang in **Kunshan City**, situated between Shanghai and Suzhou. It is known as the No. 1 Water Town in China, and it is rich in produce. Zhouzhuang abounds in waterways, and boats are a must. The town features a waterscape typical of the regions south of the Changjiang River, with houses built along the rivers and streams. Upon arrival we visit the Double Bridge Pavilion, Shen's house etc. In the afternoon **Cruise on the Zhou Zhuang river**, Zhang's Hall and Shopping Street. Proceed to Shanghai and Check in at the **4 Star 'Jin Jiang Hotel** After Dinner you can join the tour leader for a familiarisation walk.

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Fri 13 Sep **Shanghai:** Today we have a full day to visit 'Best of Shanghai'. We start the tour by **People Square** surrounded by great buildings on all sides, Shanghai **Museum** with its permanent collection and hosts various exhibitions with over 120,000 pieces including bronze ware, ceramics, paintings, calligraphy, sculpture, ancient Chinese coins, Jade carving, ancient furniture, and western art, which shows you 5000 years history of China, **Bund**, and **Xin Tian Di**.

Sat 14 Sep **Shanghai:** After breakfast we leave to visit the **Jade Buddha Temple** with its priceless collection of Jade statues from Burma then we visit the **Yu Yuan Garden** with their shaded alcoves, glittering pools churning with carp, pavilions, pines sprouting wistfully from rockeries, these gardens are one of Shanghai's premier sights. Then we visit the Shanghai Old Street, historically called Miaoqian Dajie, and is an old business street that has a combination of tourist attractions, shops, entertainment, and cultural exhibits. It owes its special social attractions and rich commercial background to the fact that the earliest bank, gold shop, jeweler's store, wine shop and tea house

Sun 15 Sep **Shanghai:** After breakfast, free time for the last-minute Shopping from and personal sightseeing. We can keep the rooms till 18:00hrs. Dinner and transfer to Shanghai Airport

Mon 16 Sep Departure to Malta via Dubai by EK303 departs at 00:05 and arrive in Dubai at 05:50hrs. At 09:30 fly back to Malta by EK107 and arrive at 14:10

Price per person:

Half Board, All Excursions, Entrance Fees & Tax included.



Price includes:

Flights with Emirates Malta - Beijing - Shanghai - Malta
Internal Flights: Beijing > Xian > Guilin > Shanghai
4 Star Hotels as per program
Daily Buffet Breakfast
Meals as per program serves in Chinese restaurants.
Tang Dynasty Music & Dancing Show
Acrobatic Show
All Transfers & Excursions
All entrance fees.
Local Guide during all Excursions
Experienced Tour Leader

	Normal Price	Discounted Price
Single room	€3'960	€3'860
Double room	€3'550	€3'450
Triple room	€3'540	€3'440



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