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China's Golden Triangle: Unveiling the Wonders of Beijing, Xian and Shanghai - 8 Days

CN-03



Embark on the quintessential journey through China - a comprehensive 'best of' tour that unveils the most captivating sights in the nation's most enthralling cities. This tour serves as an excellent introduction to China or is ideal for those intrigued by the intersection of China's rapid progress with its rich historical legacy. Whether you're a dedicated shopper, a history aficionado, a culture enthusiast, a food connoisseur, a photography enthusiast, a family with children, or simply someone with a passing interest in this multifaceted country, this tour is tailored for you. Don't forget to pack comfortable shoes and, of course, your camera to capture the memories that await!

DEPARTURE DATES:

04.05.2024; 11.05.2024; 18.05.2024; 25.05.2024; 01.06.2024; 08.06.2024; 15.06.2024; 22.06.2024; 29.06.2024; 06.07.2024; 13.07.2024; 20.07.2024; 27.07.2024; 03.08.2024; 10.08.2024; 17.08.2024; 24.08.2024; 31.08.2024; 07.09.2024; 14.09.2024; 21.09.2024; 28.09.2024; 12.10.2024; 26.10.2024; 09.11.2024; 23.11.2024; 07.12.2024; 21.12.2024; 28.12.2024.

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Day 1 - Beijing

Upon reaching the airport, our chauffeur will accompany you to the hotel. Commence your discovery of Beijing by embarking on a rickshaw tour through the historic 'Hutong' neighborhoods. The unhurried pace enables you to submerge yourself in the labyrinthine streets and alleys steeped in centuries of history. This encounter provides a remarkable juxtaposition to the contemporary skyscrapers that currently shape Beijing's cityscape. Thankfully, specific ancient hutong districts have received 'special status' from the government, guaranteeing their meticulous conservation. (D)

Day 2 - Beijing

Tiananmen Square, celebrated as the symbol of Beijing, is a breathtaking sight. Positioned at the heart of the city, it claims the title of the fourth-largest city square globally, covering an impressive 440,000 square meters. Following this, your journey will lead you to the renowned Imperial Palace, also known as the Forbidden City. Acknowledged by UNESCO as the most extensive collection of well-preserved ancient wooden structures worldwide, it served as the residence for Chinese emperors during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Housing one of the most significant assortments of Chinese artwork on a global scale, the Forbidden City provides insight into the nation's imperial history. Subsequently, a visit to the enchanting Summer Palace awaits, offering a serene exploration of Chinese landscape garden design. As the day unfolds, savor a delightful dinner featuring the renowned Peking duck. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - Beijing

Today promises an extraordinary experience as you journey to the Badaling section of the Great Wall, situated in Yanqing County, approximately 70 kilometers (44 miles) north of Beijing. This iconic structure, representing

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Accommodation
Full board meals
Train: 2nd class (day / night)
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Meals on the train

Practical information

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Chinese civilization and acknowledged as one of the wonders of the world, rightfully claims its place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The highest point of the Wall in this section reaches an elevation of 1015 meters (3300 feet), providing awe-inspiring panoramic views. After this remarkable visit, delve into the site of the 2008 Summer Olympics. Marvel at the architectural wonders of the Olympic Green and park, including the famed 'Bird's Nest' building. As the day concludes, immerse yourself in the evening's entertainment with a captivating Beijing Acrobatic Show. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Beijing - Xian

Immerse yourself in a glimpse of modern China today as you transition to the Beijing West railway station and board the morning bullet train to Xian. This state-of-the-art high-speed train effortlessly covers the 711-mile distance from Beijing to Xian in just 4 hours and 40 minutes. Upon your arrival, a warm welcome awaits, and you'll be transferred to the hotel before embarking on your Xian city tour. As one of the four ancient capitals of China, the tour commences with a visit to the Big Goose Pagoda, a seven-story Buddhist temple erected in the 7th century, offering breathtaking views from its summit. Explore the Little Goose Pagoda and other notable landmarks such as the Bell Tower and the Great Mosque, one of the earliest mosques constructed in China. Delight in a satisfying lunch before an evening filled with the cultural extravaganza of the Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show, complemented by a delectable dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Xian

Undoubtedly one of China's most iconic attractions, today's agenda features a visit to the Terracotta Army, a site that mesmerizes millions of tourists each year. Unearthed by local farmers in 1974 while tending to their fields, you'll have the opportunity to explore the pits, ascend the burial mound of the emperor, and marvel at the thousands of terracotta statues portraying warriors and horses, constituting the army of the First Chinese Emperor. Following this captivating excursion, our driver will be ready to meet you in the hotel lobby and transport you to Xian railway station. The evening promises a comfortable journey as you board the train to Shanghai, with the option of 2 and 4 berth compartments available for your convenience. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Shanghai

Today marks your arrival in Shanghai, China's most dynamic city. Our driver will be ready to greet you upon disembarking from the train, assisting with the transfer to the hotel for luggage drop-off. A captivating city tour awaits, unveiling the highlights of Shanghai, including the Shanghai Museum, People's Square, and the Bund. As the largest and most bustling city in China, Shanghai offers a wealth of discoveries. The centrally located People's Square buzzes with activity and houses the Shanghai Museum, an immersive space where you can delve into Chinese arts, including calligraphy, ceramics, and furniture. The Bund, a scenic mile-long riverside promenade, showcases numerous European-style

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Day 7 - Shanghai

Embark on today's tour with a tranquil beginning in old Shanghai, where you'll explore a serene garden nestled next to the City God Temple. Encompassing five acres, this garden features a rockery, a chamber of ten thousand flowers, ponds, pavilions, and towers. From this historical oasis, fast-forward to the future with a visit to the renowned Oriental Pearl TV Tower, an iconic structure built in 1994 that once claimed the title of the tallest building in China. Capture breathtaking panoramic views of the city, and perhaps consider a visit to the revolving restaurant located at an impressive height of 267 meters. Conclude the day's exploration on Nanjing Road, Shanghai's primary shopping street, offering a vibrant atmosphere and an abundance of shopping opportunities. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Shanghai

Our tour ends. Our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and take you to the airport to catch your flight home. (B)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Tour Price	Incl. flights*	Single suppliment
04/05/2024 - 11/05/2024	Rs 154450	Rs 244450	Rs 19450
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28/12/2024 - 04/01/2025	Rs 154450	Rs 244450	Rs 19450

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for

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either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please <u>contact us for a quote</u>.

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > Beijing Explorer Uncover the Wonders of the Chinese Capital 6 Days (CN-02), Price from Rs 79,450, 6 days
- > China's Golden Triangle & Gardens of Suzhou 9 Days (CN-04), Price from Rs 169,450, 9 days
- > Great Chinese Discovery with Majestic Yangtze River Cruise 12 Days (CN-06), Price from Rs 249,450, 12 days
- > <u>Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing Mongolia Irkutsk Baikal Yekaterinburg Moscow (TS-10)</u>, Price from Rs 249,950, 17 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in India, US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-India, USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in India, USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website: www.justgorussia.in/in/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.in and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.in, or

Phone: call us on 000 800 050 24 14

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

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Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum Rs15,000) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

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YOUR NOTES

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please $\underline{inquire}$ about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

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