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Best of China: Exploring Beijing, Xian, Guilin & Li River, Shanghai, Suzhou - 11 Days

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China's eastern coast is synonymous with its dynamic cities, often the first images that come to mind. However, beyond the vibrant urban landscapes, China unfolds another facet of its allure in breathtaking natural beauty. This tour offers a well-rounded experience that balances the excitement, retail therapy, cultural immersion, and buzz of mega-cities with the serene and tranquil side of the country.

Immerse yourself in the best cities, where the heartbeat of modern China resonates, and then embark on a serene cruise along the majestic Li River. As the urban excitement fades, revel in the tranquility of nature's grandeur. Conclude the journey with a visit to the garden city of Suzhou, adding a touch of elegance and calm to the vibrant tapestry of your China exploration.

DEPARTURE DATES: 24.10.2026; 07.11.2026; 21.11.2026; 05.12.2026; 19.12.2026; 26.12.2026.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Beijing
Upon your arrival, our driver will warmly welcome you and facilitate your transfer to the hotel. To commence your exploration, we step back in time with a visit via a rickshaw to an old Beijing district - a 'Hutong' neighborhood situated by Shichahai Lake. Hutongs typically represent city areas with narrow streets or alleys. You will embark on a guided rickshaw ride through the narrow alleys of this distinctive part of old Beijing, gaining insight into how locals lived many years ago. (D)

Day 2 - Beijing
Tiananmen Square, often considered the symbol of China's capital, stands as the fourth-largest city square globally, spanning an expansive 440,000 square meters. Take a moment to appreciate its vast size and grandeur, reflecting on the significant events in modern Chinese history that have unfolded here, including the government troops intervening in the pro-democracy protests of 1989. Next, your journey takes you to the renowned Imperial Palace and the Forbidden City. Now transformed into the Palace Museum, its rooms house over a million treasures, and your experienced guide will expertly direct you to the most intriguing pieces. Following this, explore the Summer Palace, providing a glimpse into Chinese landscape garden design. As the day concludes, indulge in a typical Beijing dinner, savoring the local flavors. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - Beijing
The Great Wall, a symbol of Chinese civilization and the most renowned tourist attraction in China, eagerly awaits your visit. Today, explore the Badaling section of the Great Wall, constructed during the Ming dynasty in the 16th century. Marvel at the grandeur and historical significance of this remarkable structure. Following your visit to the Great Wall, your journey takes you to the site of the famous Olympic Green and Olympic Park from 2008. Witness iconic structures such as the 'Bird's Nest' Beijing National Stadium, the Aquatics Centre known as the

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included
International flights
Domestic flights in China
Accommodation
Full board meals
High-speed day train
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included
Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Meals on the train

Practical information
Chinese visa procedure

"Water Cube," the Green Hockey Field, and many other architectural marvels associated with the 2008 Summer Olympics. In the evening, treat yourself to one of Beijing's finest Acrobatic Shows, showcasing incredible feats and performances. (B,L,D)

Day 4 - Beijing - Xian
Next, embark on a journey to Xian via the new morning bullet train, covering an impressive 711 miles from Beijing to Xian in just 4 hours and 40 minutes. Your Xian city tour will acquaint you with this fascinating city, one of the four ancient capitals of China. Key sights include the Big Goose Pagoda (a seven-story Buddhist temple), the Little Goose Pagoda, the City Wall, the Bell Tower (which signaled the city gates opening at dawn), and the Great Mosque, one of the first mosques built in China. Enjoy a local lunch, and in the evening, you will visit the famous Tang Dynasty Singing and Dancing Show, featuring dances and songs adapted from Chinese folklore. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Xian - Guilin
For many, the most exhilarating tourist attraction in China is the Terracotta Army. Currently, three pits are open to the public, showcasing thousands of terracotta statues depicting warriors and horses that constitute the army of the First Chinese Emperor. This stone army is estimated to consist of over 8000 soldiers, 520 horses, and 130 chariots. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to closely examine the pits and ascend the burial mound of the emperor. Your guide will provide detailed information about the sites and ongoing excavation works, addressing all your questions. Following this, you will be transferred to catch your onward flight to Guilin, where you'll be met upon arrival. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Cruise along Li River
Today, you'll experience another facet of China. Embark on a river cruise along the banks of the Li River, spanning over five hours. Throughout the journey, you'll be treated to breathtaking views of the karst peaks. Your guide will point out famous hills such as Elephant-Trunk Hill and Pagoda Hill, providing insights into the small towns you pass along the way. The cruise concludes in Yangshuo, a charming and picturesque town. Here, you can opt to hire a bike and explore the scenic surroundings or simply enjoy a cup of tea on West Street. In the afternoon, transfer back to Guilin. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Guilin - Shanghai
Embark on a city tour around Guilin in the morning. Your itinerary includes a visit to the Seven Star Park, renowned for its limestone cave, as well as the zoo and the Flower Bridge. Explore the iconic Elephant Trunk Hill, which bears a resemblance to an elephant sucking water, and Diecai Hill - a scenic spot by the river featuring beautiful caves, pavilions, and stone carvings. Afterward, our driver will be waiting for you in the hotel lobby with a "China & Beyond" signboard, ready to take you to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to the hotel. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Shanghai

Shanghai stands as the largest and busiest city in China, characterized by its thrilling and fast-paced atmosphere. During your visit, you will explore its top sights, including the People's Square situated in the heart of the city, the renowned Shanghai Museum, and the iconic Bund-a mile-long riverside promenade showcasing examples of Baroque and Neo-Classical design. Immerse yourself in the vibrant energy, and capture memorable moments along the river. (B,L,D)

Day 9 - Shanghai
Today's tour encapsulates the essence of past, present, and future Shanghai. Begin in old Shanghai by visiting a tranquil garden located next to the City God Temple. Here, you'll witness examples of traditional Chinese gardens, featuring a rockery, a chamber of ten thousand flowers, multiple halls, ponds, pavilions, and towers. Next, explore the striking Oriental Pearl TV Tower, boasting 11 spheres and an impressive 468m tower with 15 viewing levels. Conclude the day with a visit to Nanjing Road, Shanghai's main shopping street, which draws over one million visitors daily. (B,L,D)

Day 10 - Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai
Today offers a change of scenery as you travel to Suzhou, often referred to as the 'Eastern Venice' owing to its gardens and watery landscapes. Take a leisurely pace to contemplate and immerse yourself in the tranquility and peace of this charming city. After exploring some of Suzhou's renowned gardens, embark on a boat trip along the Grand Canal to see the city from a different perspective. The final stop on this tour is a Silk Factory, providing an educational and hands-on experience in the intricate process of silk production. If time permits, take advantage of being in Suzhou and visit one of the Tea Houses. In the evening, transfer back to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

Day 11 - Shanghai
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
24/10/2026 - 03/11/2026	Rs 294450	Rs 384450	Rs 39450
07/11/2026 - 17/11/2026	Rs 294450	Rs 384450	Rs 39450
21/11/2026 - 01/12/2026	Rs 294450	Rs 384450	Rs 39450
05/12/2026 - 15/12/2026	Rs 294450	Rs 384450	Rs 39450
19/12/2026 - 29/12/2026	Rs 294450	Rs 384450	Rs 39450
26/12/2026 - 05/01/2027	Rs 294450	Rs 384450	Rs 39450

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

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

> Visa-Free Beijing: Explore Beijing in a Short Stopover - 3 Days (CN-01), Price from Rs 49,950, 3 days
> China's Golden Triangle: Unveiling the Wonders of Beijing, Xian and Shanghai - 8 Days (CN-03), Price from Rs 179,450, 8 days
> Great Chinese Discovery with Majestic Yangtze River Cruise - 12 Days (CN-06), Price from Rs 309,450, 12 days
> Classical Trans-Mongolian: Moscow - Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing (TS-01), Price from Rs 299,950, 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.

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.

YOUR NOTES

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

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.