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Colorful China Cycling Journey

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Tour Code: CET-BK03

Length: 16 days and 15 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Beijing, Guilin, Hangzhou, Suzhou, Shanghai

Highlight Attractions: Forbidden City, Great Wall, Li River, Yangshuo, Terraced Rice Paddies at Longji, West Lake, Yu Yuan Garden, Summer Palace

Experience & Features: Peking Roast Duck, Biking along the Hutong in Beijing, Biking in Yangshuo, Local Market in Longsheng, Biking around the West Lake, Biking in Suzhou

Bicycle is the most popular means of transportation in China. Nowadays, riding a bicycle is not a mean of transportation, but also a good way to support low carbon living. This splendid cycling tour starts from Beijing-the capital of China, to witness and climb the magnificent ancient construction of the Great Wall, cycling in Hutong to get a brief impression of this big capital. Ride a bike to explore beautiful scenic spots in Guilin, and you experience a cruise on the world-wide famous Li River through stunning karst landscapes in Guilin. Enjoy a leisurely walk at the West Street and a memorable biking trip to Yangshuo Banyan tree. The water village in Suzhou, the graceful West Lake in Hangzhou will surely leave you a deep impression. Our tour ends in the largest city of China-Shanghai, which will amaze you by its modern atmosphere and traditional culture and art.

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

Welcome to Beijing. When you arrive at Beijing airport, you will be met by our CET guide and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day will be free for you to relax or make your preparation.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals:

Day 2: Beijing

Today we will go to the **[Temple of Heaven]** after breakfast. It is the grandest cult architecture complex in the world and a masterpiece of the Chinese people created in ancient times. Later we will go to enjoy a walk on the **[Tian'anmen Square]**, which is one of the largest city squares in the world. It is widely used as a national symbol. And in the center of Tian'anmen Square stands the Monument to the People's Heroes. It is a square building, covering an area of 3,000 square meters (about 0.74 acres). Then we will go to the **[Forbidden City]**, imperial palaces for the emperors for the Ming and Qing dynasties for more than hundreds of years. Best ancient Chinese architectural styles are well preserved here, consist an imposing view. Later the day will be on your own to explore more about this city.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 3: Beijing

This morning we are going to climb the **[Jinshanling Great Wall]**, the best preserved part of the Great Wall with many original features. It is somewhat dangerous to climb due to it winds up and down the precipitous ranges, but the splendid views on the way are a reward. It is known to all that the traditional Peking Roast Duck is so crispy and tasty that your Beijing tour would not be complete if without that. Therefore we highly recommend you a featured dinner at one local famous restaurant.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing

[Summer Palace] is one of China's architectural masterpieces. Today we will go to visit it and enjoy its deliberated beauty. The pavilions, kiosks, terraces, bridges, dikes, corridors are delicately crafted and placed, well displaying the thousand-year old Chinese landscape gardening. The scenic spots contain a nation's profound philosophical and aesthetic tradition. Next we will have **[a cycling trip to Hutong]**. Hutong means alleys, derives from the narrow lanes created by the walled residential compounds built one on top of the other in these cramped districts. The high walls surround the traditional siheyuan quadrangle, and it is made up of four single-story buildings fronting a courtyard. Unfortunately, encroaching urban development now threatens hutongs.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 5: Beijing-Guilin

This morning, we will go to the airport for a flight to Guilin. Upon arrival, your guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. The rest of the day will be leisure at relax.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 6: Guilin-Yangshuo

We will go to **Yangshuo** by the **[Li River cruise]**. So in the morning, we will go to the wharf in downtown and embark the ship. With a leisurely breeze greeting, you can sit on cushion comfortably or enjoy the open air viewing platform. It is better to prepare more film or memory card with large capacity because this is a photographer's dream place, where you are able to capture the dramatic landscapes that Chinese artists have been painting for centuries. You will have lunch onboard while you can enjoy the Li River picturesque scenery. After several hours, we will disembark and walk to the West Street, which has received countless foreigners from all over the world and reputed as "Global Village". It is a 600-meter-long street with more than 300 cafes, restaurants, hotels art crafts and tourist stores, foreign language clubs, internet centers and Kungfu schools. This afternoon you will be free at leisure, you can enjoy a coffee time at the West Street, or walk around the small Yangshuo town.

Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 7: Yangshuo

Today we are going to discover why the Yangshuo landscape is much better than Guilin while Guilin landscape is the best. After breakfast, we will enjoy **[a bike tour to the big Banyan Tree and the Moon Hill]**, enjoying spectacular views on the way. Those continuous mountain peaks along the way will take you into a fairly landscape. In the evening we highly recommend you that watch the performance--"Impression--Sanjie Liu", the first new concept minority cultural show which takes the advantages of the live landscape as its stage background. It will realize your nostalgic dream of lights on fishing boats and experience the distinctive interests of life at the Li River.

Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 8: Yangshuo-Guilin

This morning we will drive back to Guilin. Guilin downtown is quite unique and especially beauty, so we are going to spend the day in Guilin to discover its shining scenic spots. The **[Elephant Trunk Hill]** is the symbol of Guilin, standing in the Li River and looks like an elephant drinking water from the river. The **[Reed Flute Cave]** is one of the most spectacular caves displaying karst geographical formation in various shapes. After that visit, we will continue to the nearby **[South China Sea Pearl Museum]**, where we can learn some knowledge of pearls and have the chance to purchase real sea pearl at competitive prices. After dinner, we suggest that you take a cruise in the city's central area on a water system, which will absolutely give you a deep impression of Guilin.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 9: Guilin-Longsheng

The **[Longji Terraces]** are located in Longsheng County and are a minority area with magnificent terraced rice paddies. Today we will drive there and enjoy a whole day in it. You may have a chance to take some wonderful pictures of minority people wearing exquisite costumes along the way. Located southeast of Longsheng, the rice terraces are built into the hillsides which look like great chains or ribbons as they wind from the foot to the top of the hill. This ingenious construction makes best use of the scarce arable land and water resources in the mountainous area. Later this afternoon we will visit **[Huangluo Red Yao minority village]**. Women there all keep their hair to a length of more than one meter. You will be marvel at their characteristic red costumes and beauty.

Stay overnight in Longsheng.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 10: Longsheng-Guilin

We will drop off at the Longsheng town in early this morning. You can see daily life of local people by visiting the local market to have interesting discovery. Then we will drive to Guilin city. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel, enjoy a leisure afternoon.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 11: Guilin-Hangzhou

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast, this morning will be on your own, you can **ride a bicycle around this small and lovely city** to breathe the fresh air. After lunch, we will take a flight to Hangzhou. Upon arrival, our guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel. The rest of the day will be free at leisure.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 12: Hangzhou

Today we will have **[a cycling tour to the West Lake]**. It is undoubtedly the most renowned feature of Hangzhou, noted for the scenic beauty that blends naturally with many famous historical and cultural sites, which are famous throughout China. Sitting in a boat wandering on the river, enjoy the beautiful scenery. Solitary Hill, the Mausoleum of General Yue Fei, the Six Harmonies Pagoda and the Ling Yin Temple and some most frequently visited attractions in this scenic area will be passed by. This afternoon we will pay a visit to **[Hefang Old Street]**, a well-designed old pedestrian street which is the epitome of old Hangzhou. Shops selling art crafts, souvenirs, silk, teahouses, and restaurants line on both sides of the street. Many famous century-old shops including Hu Qing Yu Tang, Wang Xingji Fans can be found along the street. The Street is otherwise known as the Snack Street because you can find diverse foods there. You can choose to try some of the local flavors.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 13: Hangzhou-Suzhou

Today we will head for Suzhou city, about 2.5hrs drive. First we will visit the **[Humble Administrator's Garden]**, the largest private garden in Suzhou, as well as one of the four most famous classic gardens in China. Humble Administrator's Garden is a typical example of the art of horticulture south of Yangtze River as well as a treasure house containing arts of architecture, calligraphy, carving, painting, and bonsai. The rest of day, we can enjoy **[a cycling tour around the ancient part of the city]** to experience local people's daily life.

Stay overnight in Suzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 14: Suzhou-Shanghai

This morning we will drive to Shanghai. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. After a short rest, we will start our trip to the **[Yuyuan Garden]**. The surrounding bazaar area provides good shopping opportunities, where traditional Chinese products and gold and jewels are on sale. Next we will pay a visit to the **[Jade Buddha Temple]**, an elegant structure famous for its Buddha statue which is carved of solid white jade and decorated by jewels. Lunch will be arranged at a characteristic Shanghai restaurant. After lunch our guide will guide you to the **[Outer Bund]**, for a grand view of Shanghai and you may marvel at how modern this metropolis is while still containing its old traditions. You can enjoy a walk on the **[Nanjing Road]**, the most prosperous commercial street. You will find lots of world famous brands setting along the street and enjoy a good time in shopping.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 15: Shanghai

This morning we will discover more about Shanghai by visiting the **[Shanghai Museum]**, which is a very large one of ancient Chinese art. After lunch the rest of the day will be free at leisure.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 16: Shanghai-Departure

Your China tour we sponsored will end after breakfast.

Meals: (B)

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