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Best of China with Hiking

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Tour Code: CET-HK01

Length: 10 days and 9 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Beijing, Xi'an, Guilin, Shanghai

Highlight Attractions: Forbidden City, Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Li River, Elephant Trunk Hill, Ling Canal, Yu Yuan Garden, The Bund

Experience & Features: Hiking on the Great Wall, Hiking along the Li River

Besides visiting the most renowned attractions in the most famous four cities, you also have opportunities to hike on the Great Wall in Beijing and hike along the picturesque Li River in Guilin.

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, your guide (CET rep) will meet you at airport upon your arrival, and you are transferred to your hotel. In your spare time, you can explore the host city of the 2008 Olympics yourself, such as going to the Olympic Park. In the evening, you meet your guide for a pre-tour briefing. This is generally followed by an optional group dinner at a local restaurant - Beijing Duck is often a popular choice.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals:

Day 2: Beijing

Visit the **[Temple of Heaven]**, the place where the ancient emperors used to pray for the God's blessing of the whole nation, and the **[Tian'anmen Square]**, the largest city square in the world. And then we walk to the **[Forbidden City]** which is the largest imperial palace in China during the Ming and Qing dynasties with a history of around 600 years.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 3: Beijing (Hiking on the Great Wall)

It's a hiking day today! You will be picked up at your hotel in the morning and then drive for about 2 and half hours to Simatai West. This section of the Great Wall undoubtedly offers the finest hiking anywhere on the Wall. With over 15 watch-towers, and steep gradients that give constantly changing perspectives and wide, open views, it is photogenic anywhere during the hiking. There is fascinating variety in the watch-towers here. Some have two storeys, others three. Some have flat roofs, others rounded and others again are pitched with upturned eaves. This section of the wall is wild, ruined, preserved and original. On a clear day, it is difficult to fail to take good photographs here. It will take about 3 hours to complete the hiking. Then we arrange you a late lunch in a local farmer's restaurant to reward your stomach before returning to the city.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing-Xi'an

Visit the **[Summer Palace]** which is the biggest and most renowned imperial summer resort from the Ming and Qing Dynasty and a great example of China's extraordinary workmanship and architecture. After lunch drive to the airport for a pm flight to Xi'an.

Stay overnight in Xi'an.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 5: Xi'an

A tour to the renowned **[Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum]** today will show us these unearthed pottery statues, considered "the Eighth Wonder of the World" and one of the most important archaeological finds of the 20th Century. After coming back, the rest free time can easily be spent wandering the narrow streets among the Muslim quarter where we can find quaint shops, lively markets, groups of white-bearded men in skull caps sipping tea in dingy cafes.

Stay overnight in Xi'an.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 6: Xi'an-Guilin

You may still have some free time to explore the city yourself in the morning. Then we go to visit the **[Shaanxi Provincial Museum]** which will explain to you how Xi'an became the cradle of Chinese culture. And then we go to visit the **[Big Wild Goose Pagoda]** which was built by the eminent monk Xuanzang in 652 AD, with a great importance in China's Buddhism history. After those, we go to the airport, taking a pm flight to Guilin.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 7: Guilin (Hiking along the Li River)

Another hiking day waits! This hiking route can be the most classical one among all of its type not only around Guilin but also in the whole country. There's a famous Chinese saying goes, "East or west, Guilin landscape is best." Guilin's charm comes from Li River's beauty. The Li River's Beauty is best illustrated by its section between Yangdi and Xingping, which is exactly the part we hike.

The starting point of the hiking is the Yangdi Village. We hike along the river (downstream way), crossing it for 3 times, feasting our eyes with the breath-taking karst sceneries all the way. In about 5 hours, we will arrive in a town named Xingping. After a late lunch, we drive back to the city of Guilin.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 8: Guilin-Shanghai

We go to visit the **[Reed Flute Cave]**, the natural beauty of a large amount of stalactites and stalagmites, with their endless variety of remarkable scenes. Then come to the symbol of Guilin city, the **[Elephant Hill]** that looks like a giant elephant with its long trunk drinking water from the Li River. Then we take a pm flight to Shanghai.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 9: Shanghai

Today, we are going to visit **[Yuyuan Garden]**, a beautiful private garden which is the most typical representative of its sort of Chinese garden; the **[Outer Bund]**, from where you see the modern skylines of this China's biggest city; and then **[Nanjing Road]** nearby, to experience the most prosperous and bustling shopping center of Shanghai.

Stay overnight in Shanghai..

Meals: (B, L)

Day 10: Shanghai-Departure

Free at leisure until to be transferred to the airport for your flight home. Your tour we sponsored ends at the airport with our tour representative.

Meals: (B)



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