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Fantastic Sceneries Experience Tour

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Tour Code: CET-LS04

Length: 21 days and 20 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: (Hong Kong), Xi'an, Urumqi, Turpan, Aletai, Beijing

Highlight Attractions: Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Heavenly Lake, Southern Pastures,

Experience &Features: Kazak Yurt Visit, International Grand Bazaar, Old Part of Shanghai, Shanghai Museum

You will enjoy different but magnificent sceneries in this experience tour, from Northern China Beijing, Xinjiang to the picturesque East China Shanghai, Suzhou and Hangzhou. We begin our tour from Beijing, the capital of China, witness and climb the magnificent ancient construction of the Great Wall, get a brief impression of this big capital. Then we fly to the north China to Urumqi, where you experience the exotic and colorful mountains and the mysterious Kanas Lake. The Grape Valley in Turpan welcomes you with its abundant sweet fruits. Huangshan Mountain has brought together all the strong points other mountains have: grand, strange, baffling, arduous, steep, flourishing, quiet and spacious. The mountain offers a crowd of peaks. The water village in Suzhou, the graceful West Lake in Hangzhou will surely leave you a deep impression. In the largest city of China-Shanghai, you will be amazed by its modern atmosphere and traditional culture and art.

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

Our guide will meet you at the airport upon your arrival and you will be transferred to the hotel by the private car.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals:

Day 2: Beijing

Today we will go to visit the **[Temple of Heaven]** (also named Tiantan Park) after breakfast, which is a complex of buildings, gardens, and pathways. During the Ming Dynasty and the Qing Dynasty, the emperors used to worship the heaven and pray for rich harvests, as the feudal emperors thought they were the son of the heaven. Later we will enjoy a walk on the **[Tian'anmen Square]**--one of the largest city squares in the world. It is located on the central axis of old Beijing and a famous monument in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. In the center of Tian'anmen Square stands the **[Monument to the People's Heroes]**. Then we go to the **[Forbidden City]**--Imperial palaces for the emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties. It is called the Palace Museum now. The city contains 800 ceremonial buildings, 9,999 rooms, and a courtyard that can hold 100,000 people. Later the rest of the day is on your own to explore more about this city.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 3: Beijing

There is a famous saying goes "one cannot be a hero unless he climbs on the Great Wall." This morning we drive to the **[Jinshanling Great Wall]**, the most original and less commercial section of the Wall. It starts from the Wangjinglou Tower in the east and ends at Longyukou in the west and stretches about 10 kilometers (six miles). This historic construction is somewhat a challenge to the climbers as it winds up and down the precipitous ranges. But as a reward, splendid views are available.

What's more, people say that a visit to Beijing isn't complete without trying the crispy and tasty Peking duck, so we recommend you that have a dinner with Peking duck at one famous restaurant.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing-Urumqi

This morning we will go to visit the **[Summer Palace]** -- one of China's architectural masterpieces. The Summer Palace is located in the northwestern suburbs of Beijing, and is composed of three parts--the imperial palaces, Longevity Hill, and Kunming Lake, with a total area of 2.9 square kilometers. The beauty of the Summer Palace is beyond description, displaying the thousand-year old Chinese landscape gardening.

In the afternoon, you are transferred to the airport to fly to Urumqi. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel by our guide.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 5: Urumqi

After breakfast, we will drive to the **[Heavenly Lake]** that is 110 km (68miles) from Urumqi. Located at the half way of the Begeda Peak of Tianshan Mountain, it has an elevation of 1,980 meters(about 1.2 miles) and an area of 4.9 square km (about 1211acres). Heavenly Lake, offers science lovers exploring opportunities, the relic of the Quaternary Period Glacier and its surrounding geological relics. With melted snow as its source, Heavenly Lake enjoys crystal water and the banks are covered with tall trees. Surrounded by mountains, the jade-green lake is an ideal place for excursions and rest for most of the year. It is an excellent skating rink in winter. In summer, it is an ideal cool resort. Boaters on the lake see the ever-changing silvery mountains soaring into the blue sky, their slopes highlighted with verdant pasture and flamboyant wild flowers.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 6: Urumqi-Turpan

Today we will go to visit the beautiful **[South Mountain Pasture]** which is close to the Heavenly Lake and **[Kazak Yurt]** built on the pasture. Standing in the pastures, you can see the forest of emerald green spruce on a chain of undulating grass hills dotted with combined flocks and herds. Also there are many streams and a waterfall. As you immerse yourself in this beautiful site, the singing of the Kazakh may envelop you and inspire you to sing with them. You may visit one of the traditional yurts locating in the spruce forest where you will be welcomed by a generous host with fragrant milk tea, mare's milk, cheese and roasted lamb. It is said that if you don't see the yurt on the green meadows, you cannot feel and enjoy the real life of Kazakh and their culture.

Then we will take our van/bus to Turpan (2.5 hours) and Visit the **[Sugong Minaret]**, standing in the southeastern suburbs about three kilometers (about 1.86miles) away from the county town of Turpan, and [a Uygur family] tasting their home made food under the grape. Sometimes they present Uygur dance and song show when we are hosted at those places.

Stay overnight in Turpan.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 7: Turpan

This morning we will visit the **[Karez Well]** and the **[Jiaohe Ancient City]**, **[Gaochang Ancient City]** and the **[Tuyugou Valley]**. Wandering underground over 5,000 kilometers (about 3,107miles), the Karez system has been called "the underground Great Wall". The construction was made to adapt to the natural basin of the region while taking into account solar radiation and the atmosphere of this dry region. The visit of twin ancient cities Gaochang also called "King City" by the Uyghur people and Jiaohe, which will help you have a better understanding of the history once played here 1000 years ago, all which made the Turpan region the only place where four ancient civilizations once met and melt each other in the world. Last we will go to the Tuyugou Valley, 13 kilometers (about 8miles) to the southwest of Gaochang Ancient City. It is a peaceful village nested in the mountains together with the very well preserved Uyghur style architecture.

Stay overnight in Turpan.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 8: Turpan-Urumqi

Today, after breakfast, we will take our van/bus back to the capital city Urumqi. In the afternoon, we will visit the **[XinJiang Provincial Museum]** which houses tons of precious historical relics unearthed along the Silk Road in this region, especially the Mummies Section. It is a spacious and purpose--built construction worthy of the important collections that it contains. And do some shopping in the International Grand Bazaar. "Bazaar" means market in the Uyghur language. So in the bazaar you can bargain hunting for handicraft souvenirs such as rugs, carpets, Uyghur-style hats, knitted sweaters, ethnic costumes, hand-made embroideries and jade carvings.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 9: Urumqi-Kanas

This morning we will take an early flight to Kanas Lake Airport. We will enjoy spectacular views along the way, we will pass the golden mountain -- Aletai Mountain, and see the silver water -- Erqis River. Then we continue to the **[Kanas Lake]** which is only 150km (about 93.2miles) away from Burqin County. We will arrive there in the afternoon. Kanas Lake, which means "beautiful, rich and mysterious" in Mongolian, is the most beautiful mountain lake that enjoys a reputation as "the Swiss scene in Asia". Many tourists are attracted by its unparalleled scenery and mysterious legend. The water in the lake changes its color unpredictably, with imposing mountains and green trees around, composing a magnificent picture. We will enjoy a cruise on the lake. Walk along the bank to feel its tranquility and indulge yourself in the beautiful scene. Later we will pay a visit to a local Tuvan People residence that can only be found in this part of China.

Stay overnight at Kanas Lake Area.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 10: Kanas-Urumqi

This morning we continue to explore more about this mysterious lake area and visit wooden houses there. You may take full use of this time to try to have a talk with the locals or discover some interesting things around this lake. Then we drive to the airport for a flight to Urumqi. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to the hotel.

Stay overnight in Urumqi.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 11: Urumqi-Shanghai

This morning is on your own to relax. It is better to pick up well your package and prepare for the tour to the most modern city in China. And then we will take our flight to Shanghai. Arrive in Shanghai, our guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 12: Shanghai-Huangshan

This morning we will enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and then go to visit the **[Shanghai Museum]**. This afternoon we will take a flight to Huangshan Mountain. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Stay overnight at Huangshan.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 13: Huangshan Mountain

The famous scrolls of Chinese black and white paintings of high mountains, rocks, trees and sea of clouds come alive in Huangshan Mountains in the south Anhui province. Early this morning we will visit it by **[taking cable to climb the Huangshan Mountain]**, and we can enjoy the marvelous mountain area. Mt. Huangshan is characterized by the four wonders, namely, odd-shaped pines, grotesque rock formation, seas of clouds and crystal-clear hot springs. It is said that you won't want to visit any other mountains after seeing Wu Yue but you won't wish to see even Wu Yue after returning from Mt. Huangshan. This saying may give you some idea of the beauty and uniqueness of Mt. Huangshan.

Stay overnight at Huangshan Mountain.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 14: Huangshan Mountain-Shanghai

This morning we will have a leisurely walk in the mountain, and enjoy the spectacular vista and its ever-changing scenes and later take cable downwards. In the evening, we catch a flight back to Shanghai. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to the hotel.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 15: Shanghai-Suzhou

Today we will go to Suzhou city to visit the **[Humble Administrator's Garden]** -- the largest private garden in Suzhou, and it is most famous for its elegant classical gardens. 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. Then we drive to **[Zhouzhuang]** where abounds with rivers and lakes. So it is thought by many to be the best waterside town in China, only 30 kilometers (18 miles) southeast of Suzhou. It is noted for its profound cultural background, the well preserved ancient residential houses, the elegant watery views and the strong local colored traditions and customs. A different vista at every turn can be found here. All those make a visit very enjoyable. You can see that all the houses in Zhouzhuang, built with sidewalks along canals, have formed a web of water lanes. Stone bridges and overhanging towers span the waterways to provide free passage for the local people. Afterwards, we will drive back to Suzhou.

Stay overnight in Suzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 16: Suzhou-Hangzhou

You can enjoy a leisurely breakfast; you can walk around the downtown area of this morning city for pleasure. After lunch, we will go to Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province and its political, economic and cultural center. With enchanting natural beauty and abundant cultural heritages, there is a saying "above is paradise, below is Suzhou and Hangzhou" expressing people's indeed praise to Hangzhou. We will arrive there in the afternoon and you will be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the day will be on your own to explore the city.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 17: Hangzhou

Today we will have the chance to visit 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. Sitting in a boat wandering on the river, enjoy the beautiful scenery. The most frequently visited attractions in this scenic area are the solitary Hill, the Mausoleum of General Yue Fei, the Six Harmonies Pagoda and the Ling Yin Temple. This afternoon we will pay a visit to the epitome of old Hangzhou, **[Hefang Old Street]**, a well-designed old pedestrian 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 for the diverse food it serves. You can also find a large variety of local snacks such as roasted walnuts, and "dragon-whisker" candy.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 18: Hangzhou-Thousand Islets Island-Hangzhou

This morning we will drive to the **[Thousand Islets Lake]**. It is about 160 kilometers (about 99.4miles) west of Hangzhou, is an ideal place to escape from the bustling metropolis. Thousand Islets Lake is currently the largest man-made lake in China. It got its name from the 1078 islets in the lake. It is a resplendent pearl in a classical golden tour to Hangzhou. Covering an area of 573 square kilometers (about 141,591acrs), the lake is more than one hundred times larger than the West Lake in Hangzhou. Thousand Islets Lake is also a delightful lake with many activities including enjoying the natural scenery and local culture, observing wild animals and taking part in many exciting activities. We will enjoy a wonderful afternoon at Thousand Islets Lake. Later the day we drive back to Hangzhou.

Stay overnight in Hangzhou.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 19: Hangzhou-Shanghai

This morning is free at leisure. You can wander around Hangzhou or buy some local unique products. In the afternoon, you are transferred to Shanghai. You will be transferred to the hotel upon arrival.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 20: Shanghai

In the morning, you enjoy a leisurely breakfast, and we will go to visit the **[Yuyuan Garden]**, the exquisite layout, beautiful scenery and the artistic style of the garden architecture made the garden one of the highlights of Shanghai. You can find more delicate handicrafts and tasty Chinese snacks. Later we will go to the **[Jade Buddha Temple]**, an elegant structure famous for its jade Buddha statue. The sparkling and crystal-clear white jade gives the Buddhas the beauty of sanctity and make them more vivid. Lunch will be arranged at a characteristic Shanghai restaurant. After lunch our guide will take you to the **[Outer Bund]**. If you have never been to the Bund, then you have never been to Shanghai. Some say actually that the Bund is like "an exhibition of buildings". You can see various styles, Gothic, Baroque, Rome, Renaissance, Classic and the combination of Eastern and Western style. You will enjoy a walk on the **[Nanjing Road]**, the most prosperous commercial street. You can 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 21: Shanghai-Departure

Today you are free at leisure until you are ready to be transferred to the airport for departure. Our service ends at the airport.

Meals: (B)

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