



# Magical China

11 Days 10 Nights

Beijing • Xian • Guilin • Shanghai



## Exciting Optionals

- Beijing: Kung Fu Show, Acrobatic Show
- Xian: Tang Dynasty Show

## Enjoy The Best of China

- Beijing
- Xian
- Guilin
- Shanghai

## Your Sightseeing Includes

- **Beijing** - Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Silk Alley Markets, Jingdu Pearl Factory, The Great Wall of China, Imperial Tombs
- **Xian** - Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Ancient Style Street, Terracotta Warriors.
- **Guilin** - Elephant Trunk Hill, Fubo Hill, Li River Cruise
- **Shanghai** - Nanjing Road, Bund Area, Yu Yuan Garden, Huangpu River Cruise, Zujiajiao

## Sumptuous Meals

Enjoy sumptuous Indian / Local vegetarian & non-vegetarian meals.

## Great Bargain Shopping

- **Beijing** - Silk Alley Markets, Jingdu Pearl Factory
- **Xian** - Ancient Style Street
- **Shanghai** - Nanjing Road

1400 hrs). Come evening and you have an option to enjoy a wonderful **Kung Fu Show**. 'The Legend of Kung Fu' is a unique theatrical production, which celebrates the philosophy and skill of the martial art of Kung Fu through a compelling storyline, dramatic design, spectacular choreography and breath-taking music. A poignant and touching piece, the show blends the best of Kung Fu with exquisite ballet, music and wonderful theatre. (D)

## Day 2 In Beijing • Guided City Tour Of Beijing • Tian'anmen Square • Forbidden City • Summer Palace • Jingdu Pearl Factory • Optional Acrobatic Tour

Today, your day unfolds with a **guided city tour** of Beijing, viewing historic landmarks like **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest open public square in the world, flanked by the imposing Tian'anmen Gate and crowned by a tower with a typical tiled roof and the Museums of History and Revolution. Tian'anmen ('Gate of Heavenly Peace') is the original gate of the Imperial Palace. Your city tour continues to the palace, better known as the **Forbidden City**. Admire this architectural masterpiece with exotic pavilions, serene courtyards, rich halls and flourishing gardens. The grand finale is a visit to the **Summer Palace**, a magnificent imperial garden located 12 km west of Beijing City. A summer retreat for emperors and a chosen few in the past, it is now the largest and most ancient preserved garden in China, and includes over a 100 ancient pavilions, mansions, towers, halls, temples, bridges and an enormous clear water lake. Later, we visit the famed **Silk Alley markets** boasting of

more than 1000 stores and the **Jingdu Pearl Factory**. The rest of the evening is free if you wish to explore the city on your own, or you have the option of enjoying an astounding **Acrobatic Show** tonight. One of the oldest performing arts in the world, Chinese Acrobatics borrows elements from the opera, dance and Chinese Kungfu merging them into a wholly distinctive style. (B, D)

## Day 3 Onto Xian • Excursion To The Great Wall Of China And The Ming Tombs • Overnight Train to Xian

Today, you will visit the only man-made structure visible from the moon, the **Great Wall of China**, one of the oldest historic monuments in the world and a symbol of China's ancient civilization. Just like a gigantic dragon, it winds up and down across deserts, grasslands, mountains and plateaus from east to west of China. Traditionally known as the "Wall of Ten thousand Li", it leaves you spellbound by its sheer magnitude and architectural splendour. Continue on an interesting drive along the Spirit Way guarded by stone animals and human figures, and arrive at the **Imperial Tombs**, the only existing burial chambers of the Ming Emperors. In the evening, transfer to the train station for your train to Xian. (B, D)

## Day 4 In Xian • Guided City Tour Of Xian • Big Wild Goose Pagoda • Optional Tang Dynasty Show

On arrival in **Xian**, proceed on a **guided city tour** of Xian with a visit to the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, which houses sutras collected by a wandering Chinese monk in

India, celebrating the onset of Buddhism in China. And then, see the **Ancient City Wall** built in 1374 AD on the lines of the city of Changan in the Tang Dynasty. They are 11.9 km in girth, with a top width of 12 to 14 meters, built of grey bricks and are still standing from the Middle Ages. The gate towers built over each of the four city gates, painted a dark green, look lofty and magnificent, and form a tight defence engineering system. Later, shop for Chinese Jade and other artifacts along **Ancient Style Street**. Enjoy an optional viewing of the **Tang Dynasty Show**, for a performance of Chang'an music and dance, which originated in China's Tang dynasty over a 1,000 years ago. Also, walk through a display of various ancient Chinese musical instruments. (B, D)

## Day 5 In Xian • Excursion To The Terracotta Warriors

This morning, visit the archaeological site of the amazing **Terracotta Warriors** - a collection of 8,099 larger-than-life Chinese terracotta figures of warriors, horses and other figures, each celebrating Chinese unification. The figures vary in height, according to their role, the tallest being the Generals. In 1974, near Xi'an in central China, villagers chanced upon what has become one of the world's most astonishing archaeological findings - an 8,000 man army in battle-ready formation, each warrior a life-size figure in pottery made over 2,200 years ago. (B, D)

## Day 6 Onto Guilin • Excursion To Elephant Trunk Hill • Excursion To Fubo Hill

Fly to **Guilin** this morning. Guilin is a

Departure Dates*	Adult In Twin / Triple	Adult In Single	Child (2-11 Yrs)
APR 17, 24	USD 1,489	USD 1,899	USD 1,269
MAY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	USD 1,489	USD 1,899	USD 1,269
JUN 12, 26	USD 1,489	USD 1,899	USD 1,269
JUL 10, 24	USD 1,489	USD 1,899	USD 1,269
AUG 7, 21	USD 1,489	USD 1,899	USD 1,269
SEP 4, 11	USD 1,489	USD 1,899	USD 1,269

\* Saturday Arrivals

Optional Tours	Adult	Child
Kung-fu Show, Beijing	USD 30	USD 15
Acrobatic Show, Beijing	USD 30	USD 15
Tang Dynasty Show, Xian	USD 30	USD 15

Reservations and payments for Optional Tours have to be made at the time of booking your tour in USD only.

### Notes:

- Prices are per person
- Child (2-11 years) rates apply when sharing with 2 adults
- Maximum occupancy per room is 3 adults
- The tour will be operated, subject to a minimum of 2 full paying adult passengers travelling together.

### Tour Price Includes:

- Accommodation at hotels with breakfast
- Meals, coach tours, transfers, entrance fees, excursions, sightseeing and surface transportation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Professional services of a Cox & Kings Tour Manager (in case of minimum participation of 16 adult passengers) or Local Representative

### Tour Price Excludes:

- Airfare & airport taxes
- Visa charges
- Porters at hotels, apartments, airports and seaports, tips, laundry, wines, mineral water, telephone charges, insurance and all items of personal nature, also food and drinks not forming part of the group menus.
- Anything not specifically mentioned under 'Tour Price Includes'

## Day 1 Begin Your Tour • Arrive Beijing • Optional Kung Fu Show

Welcome to your **Cox & Kings 'Magical China'** tour! Your Cox & Kings representative greets you at the 'meeting point' at the exit after immigration and customs and transfers you comfortably to your hotel (check in after



Terracotta Warriors, Xian

famous city with beautiful scenery and one of the best places to shop for Chinese souvenirs, gems, traditional bamboo and wood carvings. On arrival, visit **Elephant Trunk Hill**, one of the most famous sights of River Li. The hill looks like an elephant dipping its snout into the Li River, and that gives it the curious name. Also, peer over the confluence of Li River and Peach Blossom River at the site. Next, visit **Fubo Hill** to the northeast of downtown Guilin and it has the famous Xixi Marquis Temple built during the Tang dynasty. It is also one of Guilin's karst mountains, but with the most unique and interesting shape of all of them. (B, D)

#### Day 7 In Guilin • Cruise On Li River

This morning, embark on a **cruise on River Li**, covering 83 km from Guilin to Yangshou. A cruise along the Li River between Guilin and Yangshou is an unforgettable experience. As you take in the stunning scenery there's something interesting to see at almost every bend in the river. Between spectacular limestone peaks you'll see graceful bamboo groves, farmers tending rice paddies, and lumbering water buffaloes pulling carts or cooling off in the river. You may see fishermen gliding along on their narrow bamboo rafts and fishing cormorants. With the clear water and clusters of pinnacles, this section of the river seems right out of a Chinese painting. (B, D)

#### Day 8 Onto Shanghai • Visit to the Bund • Cruise on Huangpu River

Today, proceed to the airport for your

flight to Shanghai. On arrival in **Shanghai**, you will be met and escorted by our representative to your hotel. This evening, proceed towards **the Bund** and the **Old City**, where the great trading houses and banks had their headquarters in the early twentieth century, about a mile long, it is the city's fulcrum. Later, enjoy a **cruise on the Huangpu River**, gazing at the mighty skyscrapers, the Monument Tower to the People's Heroes, the famous Waibaidu Bridge and Huangpu Park on one bank, and the Orient Pearl TV Tower, International Convention Center, Jin Mao Building and the newly rising Pudong New Area on the other. The Yangpu and Nanpu bridges span the river. From the river, one can also view the ruins of ancient cannon emplacements and fortifications at Wusong and the magnificent view of the Yangtze River as it empties into the sea. (B, D)

#### Day 9 In Shanghai • City Tour Of Shanghai

Today after breakfast, depart on a full day **sightseeing tour** of Shanghai. See the alluring, centuries-old **Yu Yuan Gardens** located in the Old Town of Shanghai, which recreates a beautiful landscape of pagodas, pavilions, rockeries, fountains, ancient trees and precious flowers, the **Town God's Temple**, built in the 15th century, a well-known temple in Shanghai City. Combined together, the Yu Yuan Gardens and Town God's Temple makes the Shanghai Yuyuan Tourist Mart, which features streets and shops of Chinese jade and traditional handicrafts, as well as those of local snacks. Later, view the **Peoples Square** in the Huangpu

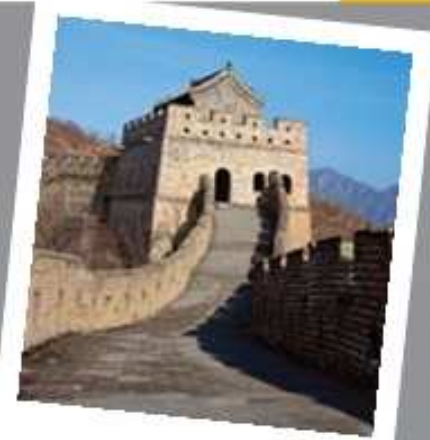
District, Shanghai's cultural and historical headquarters and the **Century Park**, the largest Park in Shanghai for recreation and business exchange. (B, D)

#### Day 10 In Shanghai • Visit Zujiajiao • Shop at Nanjing Road • View the Oriental TV Tower

This morning, proceed on a wonderful and exotic tour of **Zujiajiao** - also known as the Venice of China. Enjoy a boat ride in this ancient water town well-known throughout the country, with a history of more than 1700 years. Covering an area of 18 square miles, the little fan-shaped town glimmers like a bright pearl in the landscape of lakes and mountains. Endowed with another elegant name 'Pearl Stream' the little town is the best-preserved among the four ancient towns in Shanghai. Unique old bridges across bubbling streams, small rivers shaded by willow trees, and houses with courtyards attached all transport people who have been living amidst the bustle and hustle of the modern big city to a brand-new world full of antiquity, leisure and tranquility. In the afternoon, head to **Nanjing Road**, the main street of the French Concession for some great value-for-money shopping. See the visually striking **Oriental Pearl TV Tower**, the world's third tallest TV and radio tower. (B, D)

#### Day 11 Homeward Bound

Good times need never end! As you get ready for the airport and your flight back home, relive the high points of your **Cox & Kings Magical China** tour. We are confident you will join us again, sometime soon.... (B, either at the hotel or onboard the flight)



The Great Wall of China, Beijing



Wild Goose Pagoda, Xi'an



Reed Flute Cavern, Guilin