

M A J E S T I C T O U R

Beijing, Xi'an, Hangzhou & Shanghai

MAY 2015

YOUR QUICK VIEW ITINERARY



May 7	Thursday	Beijing	VIP Airport Pickup Transfer to Four Seasons Hotel
May 8	Friday	Beijing	Tian'anmen Square Forbidden City & Chonghuagong Access Hutong Tour
May 9	Saturday	Beijing	Great Wall & Banquet
May 10	Sunday	Beijing	Panjiayuan Market Summer Palace
May 11	Monday	Beijing Xi'an	Temple of Heaven Fly to Xi'an Transfer to Sofitel Legend People's Grand Hotel Dumpling-Making Lesson Dinner



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May 12	Tuesday	Xi'an Hangzhou	Terracotta Warriors Fly to Hangzhou Transfer to Four Seasons Hotel
May 13	Wednesday	Hangzhou	Taichi West Lake Gondola Ride Peak that Flew from Afar
May 14	Thursday	Hangzhou Shanghai	Tea Plantations Traditional Chinese Medicine Pharmacy with Expert Drive to Shanghai Transfer to Peninsula Hotel
May 15	Friday	Shanghai	Colonial Architecture Tour with Expert Former French Concession Acrobatic Show
May 16	Saturday	Shanghai	Shanghai Museum Yu Gardens
May 17	Sunday	Shanghai	Depart China



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

B E I J I N G



Beijing Airport

DAY 1

THURSDAY MAY 7

Upon arrival at **Beijing** International Airport, you will be met at the gate by airport VIP staff, holding a sign with your name, who will lead you through immigration, baggage claim and customs.

Upon transferring to the hotel, you will have the remainder of the evening at leisure (no other services included this evening). (Please note that this itinerary assumes one transfer per room; additional transfers will be subject to an extra charge.) (Four Seasons Hotel – Deluxe Room)

B E I J I N G



Forbidden City

DAY 2

FRIDAY MAY 8

B / L / D

Whether by force of irony or expediency, China's government has been located in the same area continuously for over six hundred years. You will walk back in time; strolling across **Tian'anmen Square**, one of the largest squares of the modern era, you will pass the Monument to the People's Heroes - - dedicated to the ravages of the hundred year long Opium War -- and finally enter the ancient epicenter of Imperial Power, the **Forbidden City**.

We arrange for special access to **Chonghuagong**, a section of the Forbidden City that is normally closed to the general public. Please note that Chonghuagong is filled with antiques and in the event that the weather is particularly rainy/humid, the authorities will not grant access.

In the afternoon, we explore **old Peking's traditional alleyways** (called *hutong*). Our visit to the Hutong Museum shows how China's revolutionary politics changed these residential areas. After, we compare these developments to the now gentrified areas by the Imperial lake; bicycle repair stalls make way for double car garages, the din of bustling crowds is appeased by the trill of birdsong and disheveled structures yield to beautifully restored exclusive courtyard homes, now once more housing the business and political leaders of China.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

The long awaited flagship hotel for the Four Seasons. Service is impeccable and rooms stylish and familiar.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES

- Buffet breakfast for two
- In-room wifi access

LOCATION

Close to the north embassy district with convenient access to the airport.

ROOMS

334

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B / L / D denoted breakfast, lunch, and dinner

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

BEIJING



Great Wall

DAY 3

SATURDAY MAY 9

B / L

Today, you will visit the **Great Wall of China**. Built to protect China from the incursions of predatory nomads, the utility and meaning of this fortification has been contested for centuries. The unprecedented scale and unexpected charm of the Great Wall may inspire you. The section that we most highly recommend is the further away, about 2.5 hours drive, but is generally considered one of the most beautiful sections of the Great Wall. Once there, you will be treated to a **private banquet on the Wall** itself (weather permitting). After lunch you will be given some time for a stroll along this most magnificent of sites.

[Dinner at Leisure]

BEIJING



Summer Palace

DAY 4

SUNDAY MAY 10

B / L / D

For shoppers, Beijing's largest **open-air market** will come close to paradise. Here you will mingle with Beijingers, overseas and local art dealers as well as farmers who import goods from the countryside. This is your opportunity to buy a Ming dynasty set of the Confucianist classics for a song or else, and more likely, to buy from an astonishingly rich variety of Chinese and Tibetan cultural objects (at usually a tenth the price found in the U.S. and at often half the price found at local shops). For non-shoppers, this market can be thought of as China's largest museum of modern cultural life, where you can see, talk to and photograph a wide range of local and regional Chinese going about their daily lives and business.

Afterwards, we take a tour of the Imperial **Summer Palace**, a retreat said to have been given to the Empress Dowager Cixi in return for political favors. Whether or not you believe the popular demonization of this female leader, she certainly had taste. Her enchanting mansion, set on 700 acres of land, incorporates stunning temples, arched bridges, capacious pavilions and the world's longest covered corridor, all within a landscape crafted according to the dictates of fengshui.

BEIJING OPTIONAL

1. Diplomatic Pick-up



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

BEIJING XI'AN



Temple of Heavens

DAY 5

MONDAY MAY 11

B / L / D

This morning we will visit the **Temple of Heaven** – a Confucianist complex spanning 670 acres – created for the exclusive use of the Emperor as a place to mediate affairs between God and man. Morning is a wonderful time to visit the Temple as you will see local Beijingers out doing their morning exercises.

This afternoon, you will fly to **Xi'an**, where in the evening you will enjoy a private **dumpling-making and noodle-throwing lesson** by expert chefs. (Sofitel Legend People's Grand Hotel – Superior Room)

XI'AN HANGZHOU



Terracotta Warriors

DAY 6

TUESDAY MAY 12

B / L / D

Competing Chinese kingdoms were united for the first time within a Chinese empire by the virile King Zheng, of the Kingdom of Qin. Many claim that this first Imperial dynasty of “Qin” (pronounced “chin”) gives English the etymological root for the name “China”. China's first ever Emperor, known as Qinshihuangdi, designated Xi'an the capital of his rule. He arranged for an underground army to be buried in his tomb. These are the stunning **Terracotta Warriors**, which you will visit this morning.

In the early evening you will fly to **Hangzhou**, the city which Marco Polo described as the “most enchanting on earth”. (Four Seasons Hotel – Premier Room)

SOFITEL LEGEND PEOPLE'S GRAND HOTEL

The first hotel in a landmark building in Xi'an. This hotel has all the makings to become one of the hotels in the country with private butler service in all rooms and décor that exudes luxury.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES

-Buffet breakfast for two

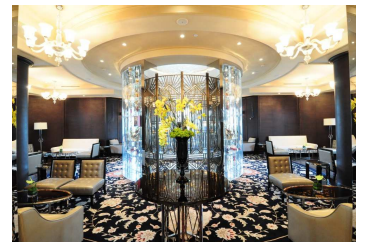
LOCATION

Very central within the city wall.

ROOMS

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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

H A N G Z H O U



Private Gondolas

DAY 7

WEDNESDAY MAY 13

B / L

Begin your day with a serene **taichi** session before one of China's most stunning vistas. You will engage further with the scenery by viewing Hangzhou as did Marco Polo, traveling by **private gondola** across the idyllic West Lake, encompassing its pagodas, causeways and landscaped islands.

We travel to the wooded valleys northwest of the lake known as Hangzhou's Buddhist temple district. After touring one of the loveliest of the temples, you will descend a nearby hill past **The Cliff That Flew From Afar** to marvel at over three hundred ancient Buddhist statues carved between the tenth and fourteenth centuries into the limestone rock face.

We continue with a drive through the **tea plantations** where China's most famous green tea is cultivated.

[Dinner at Leisure]

H A N G Z H O U S H A N G H A I



Tea Fields

DAY 8

THURSDAY MAY 14

B / L

Hangzhou has, since its Song Dynasty heyday, been a center of **Traditional Chinese Medicine** (TCM) and this remains an important aspect of the city's prosperity. Not only have the surrounding hills been important in producing the necessary herbs used for treatments, Hangzhou is also home to some of the most well established medical colleges in China. Your tour is based around the historic **Hu Qing Yu Tang pharmacy** in the heart of Hangzhou's old city. We engage an **expert** to guide you through this fully functioning pharmacy. He will provide an introduction to the basic theories that underpin the medicines you see being produced here, as well as explain how practices have adapted over time to meet modern needs.

Following lunch you will drive to **Shanghai** (approx. 3 hrs). Shanghai will take your breath away. Since the early 80's this city has been growing like no other, the Pudong waterfront becoming as emblematic of economic prowess as that of Manhattan or Hong Kong. Before dinner, you will have a chance to walk or drive along the Bund, taking in some of the loveliest buildings in the city. (Peninsula Hotel – Deluxe Riverview Room)

[Dinner at Leisure]

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

Located near West Lake, Four Seasons' second hotel in China draws on Hangzhou's architectural heritage to accommodate guests in Ming-style pavilions set within a traditional Chinese garden.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES

- Buffet breakfast for two
- In-room wifi access

LOCATION

On the Western shores of West Lake.

ROOMS

78

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HANGZHOU OPTIONAL

1. *West Lake Impressions Performance*



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

S H A N G H A I



Acrobatic Show

DAY 9

FRIDAY MAY 15

B / L

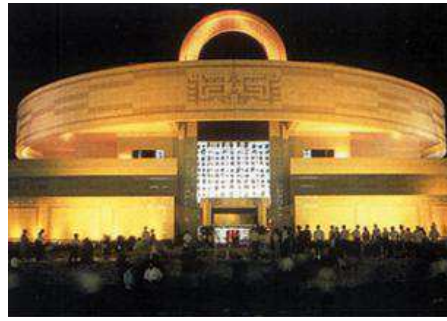
Your tour of Shanghai begins with a **lecture/tour on colonial architecture** in Shanghai given by a member of the Shanghai Historical Society. This tour will take you into some of the most important buildings along the Bund and French Concessions including the former Hong Kong Shanghai Bank.

En route to lunch, we will travel along sycamore-lined boulevards into the heart of the **Former French Concession**. This section of the "Paris of the Orient" now hosts many arts-based businesses and art galleries that we can visit if you so desire. The afternoon will be spent discovering some of Shanghai's great shopping treasures. This might include a contemporary ceramics shop, the private studio of a renowned fashion designer or a shop selling cashmere for children.

In the evening, you will be taken to witness the marvelous stunts of the **Acrobatic Show**.

[Dinner at Leisure]

S H A N G H A I



Shanghai Museum

DAY 10

SATURDAY MAY 16

B / L / D

Today we take you to visit the **Shanghai Museum**, one of the most modern in the country. Arranged by category rather than according to a chronology, its collection introduces and elucidates the gamut of Chinese arts from ceramics to jade and ivory carvings to paintings.

In the afternoon we will visit the **Yu Gardens**, one of the best examples of traditional Chinese garden design in the country. Afterwards, you will have some time to stroll through Shanghai's Old Quarter.

Dinner takes place at one of our favorite Shanghai restaurants, boasting a magnificent view over the Bund and Pudong waterfronts.

PENINSULA HOTEL

The Shanghai Peninsula evokes the Art Deco era. Comfortable rooms are equipped with the latest room technology featuring low cost, IP telephone calling and free internet service.

IMPERIAL AMENITIES

- American breakfast for two
- In-room wifi access
- Long distance calls via VOIP

LOCATION

North end of the Bund

ROOMS

235

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DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

S H A N G H A I



Shanghai Pudong Skyline

DAY 11

SUNDAY MAY 17

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This morning, you will be transferred to the airport in time for your international flight home. (Please note that this itinerary assumes one transfer per room; additional transfers will be subject to an extra charge.)

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APPENDIX I

LIST OF OPTIONALS

We have not included the optional experiences that follow below in our quoted price, but encourage you to consider commissioning these in order to enhance further your experience of China.

B E I J I N G

DIPLOMATIC CHANNEL

You will be met off the jet bridge and whisked through the airport's Diplomatic Channel. No need to wait in line for Customs and Immigration, and no need to walk through the car park. Your car will be waiting for you at the airport exit (please note that this service is only available between 7:30 am – 10:00 pm). (CNY1,010 per person)

H A N G Z H O U

WEST LAKE IMPRESSIONS PERFORMANCE

You may wish to watch a performance of West Lake Impressions produce by Zhang Yi Mo. The man responsible for choreographing the Beijing 2008 Olympic's Opening Ceremony has created another stunning visual performance with West Lake as the backdrop. (CNY930 per person)

TOUR QUOTATION

CNY 55,070 (Approx. USD 8,960*) per person based on double occupancy;

CNY 19,225 (Approx. USD 3,125*) per person for upgrades to suites at all hotels;

CNY 20,065 (Approx. USD 3,265) single supplement for anyone requiring a single occupancy room

CNY 6,990 (Approx. USD 1,135*) per person for upgrades to first class on internal flights;

**Please note that this non-RMB price uses the exchange rate of September 1st, 2014. Since foreign exchange rates are constantly fluctuating, the price in your home currency will be determined by the exchange rate on the day of payment, using the official exchange rate supplied by www.xe.com/uccl. Please note that all credit cards will be charged in U.S. dollars (USD). We accept checks drawn on bank accounts in the United States. Wire transfer payments may be made in your home currency.*

****Tour size limited to 14 persons**

**** Should you wish so we can suggest pre or post-tour itineraries on a private tour basis.**

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- 10 nights accommodation in outstanding five star hotels
- 10 breakfasts (buffet breakfast), 9 lunches, 5 dinners at our carefully selected restaurants (including local mineral water, soft drinks and local beer)
- Services of a Western bilingual China Host and local tour guides
- 2 internal flights in economy class (Beijing/Xi'an, Xi'an/Hangzhou) and land transportation (as listed in the itinerary)
- Entrance fees to all tourist sites (as listed on the itinerary)
- Gratuities to the local guides and drivers
- Baggage handling, guide & driver gratuities, hotel & domestic airport taxes

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

- International airfare to/from China, visa processing fees, travel insurance
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, imported mineral waters, excess luggage fees, telephone charges, room service and laundry charges
- Optionals
- Gratuities to the China Host

PAYMENT

In conformity with our participation in the Travel Money Protection Plan - regarded as the most secure consumer protection plan in the travel industry - all funds paid to us, whether by check, credit card or wire transfer will be deposited in a "true" escrow account, held at the Shelby Financial Corporation/Bank of America, until after the completion of your trip. We accept check, wire transfer, Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. A deposit amount of 10% is due at the time of booking. The remaining 90% of the tour price can be settled 60 days prior to tour departure.

Please note that no arrangements have been made and are not guaranteed until Imperial Tours receives a deposit.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

a) Should you decide to cancel your tour between the time of deposit and 90 days prior to the tour, you will forfeit USD150 per person, between 90 and 60 days prior to departure, you will forfeit your deposit, between 60 and 30 days prior to departure, you will forfeit 25% of the tour price, between 30 and 15 days you will forfeit 50% of the tour price, from 14 days or less, you will forfeit 70% of the tour price and from 3 days or less, you will forfeit 100% of the tour price.

b) All notices of cancellation must be written to be effective. The date of cancellation will be the date of reception by Imperial Tours' personnel.

