



## China Sampler Tour (SHF-CGT-02)

Beijing - Xian - Shanghai | Duration: 8 Days | Tour Type: Group Tour of Fixed Departure Dates | Hotels: 4 Stars +

### Availability & Prices 2013

Year of 2013	Dates of Arrival at Beijing Airport			Price (per adult)	Price (per kid) with bed	Price (per kid) w/o bed
Mar.	14	28		\$399	\$499	\$299
Apr.	11	25		\$399	\$499	\$299
May.	9	23		\$399	\$499	\$299
Jun.	6	20		\$399	\$499	\$299
Jul.	4	18		\$399	\$499	\$299
Aug.	1	15	29	\$399	\$499	\$299
Sep.	12	19		\$399	\$499	\$299
Oct.	10	24		\$399	\$499	\$299
Nov.	7	14		\$399	\$499	\$299

Kids should be under 18 years old.

#### Special Remarks

**Additional Tours: \$130/person (should be collected at the time of booking)**

Beijing - Beijing Hutongs Rickshaw Ride & Local Family Visit;

Shanghai - Huangpu River Cruise;

Xian - Dumpling Dinner with Tang Dynasty Dance Show;

**Tipping \$80/person to the local tour guide and the driver.**

The tipping is \$10/day X 8 days = \$80 per group member.

**Single room supplement \$299:** The tour cost US\$399/person is based on the assumption that two travelers will share a double room (with two single beds or one king-size bed as per request). Any traveler requiring a single room will need to pay supplement of \$299.

**Shopping Stops:** Beijing: Pearl + Jade + Chinese Herb;

Xian: Terracotta Sculpture;

Shanghai: Emerald;

**Group Schedule:** The group has fixed itinerary and schedule. Every member must follow the group during the 8 days. Any traveler who leaves the group before the tour ends, needs to pay \$100/day. And the prepaid amount won't be refunded.

#### China Internal Flights:

from Beijing to Xian : Economy-class: \$180/adult and \$120/kid under 12 years old;

from Xian to Shanghai : Economy-class : \$180/adult and \$120/kid under 12 years old;

The above airfares already include airport tax and fuel surcharge.



#### Price Inclusions

- ✓ Hotel accommodation (7 nights in 4 or 5-star hotels);
- ✓ Buffet breakfasts in hotels;
- ✓ Coach transportation in each city;
- ✓ Meals of China food as specified in itinerary;
- ✓ English-speaking tour guide service;
- ✓ Entry tickets of tourist sites as indicated in itinerary.

#### Price Exclusions

- ✗ Int'l or internal airfare /airport tax / fuel surcharge;
- ✗ China Visa;
- ✗ Travel Insurance (recommended)
- ✗ Additional tours;
- ✗ Tipping to the tour guide or the driver;
- ✗ Single room supplement.

**Day 01 Beijing Arrival** Hotel: **ChangAn Grand Hotel or same level** ★★★★★

The tour guide will wait for you at Beijing airport. After warm welcome, you will be transferred to check in the hotel we have reserved for you. Free at your own leisure for the rest of the day.

**Day 02 Beijing (B+L+D)** Hotel: **ChangAn Grand Hotel or same level** ★★★★★

Enjoy buffet breakfast in hotel and then start your Beijing sightseeing with the local guide. First stop will be the world's largest city plaza - **Tiananmen**, also the iconic symbol of China politics nowadays. It is a part of imperial complex **Forbidden City** where you will also visit this morning. It was ever the permanent residence of the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Civilians were ever not allowed to enter the buildings, hence its name Forbidden City. After that you will visit **Beijing Traditional Medicine Institute**. In the afternoon, visit the Old Beijing Area and you can visit a local family and enjoy a rickshaw ride in **Beijing Hutongs**. Have dinner of family dishes with the host.

**Day 03 Beijing (B+L+D)** Hotel: **ChangAn Grand Hotel or same level** ★★★★★

Today's highlight will be hiking on the Juyongguan Section of **Great Wall**. Approx. 60 kilometers from Beijing city, it is enlisted in the World Heritage Directory in 1987. Fortifications built here could be traced back to as early as Spring and Autumn Period (770BC-476BC). More as military stronghold, Juyongguan Great Wall is also famous for its enthralling natural scenery around. Then proceed to the **main venues of Beijing Olympics**. Exterior view of Birds Nest and Water Cubes. In the afternoon, you will visit the magnificent **Summer Palace**, the existing largest royal garden in the world, well-known for its large-scale and priceless collection of cultural artifacts. A Jade Factory is also listed on today's visiting schedule. Dinner will be mouthwatering **Peking Duck**.

**Day 04 Beijing→Xian (B+L+D)** Hotel: **Grand New World Hotel or same level** ★★★★★

This morning, you will be transferred to Beijing airport. Board the flight to Xian. Your Xian tour guide will pick you up at Xian airport and assist you to check in Xian hotel.

Today in Xian you will visit **Terracotta Warriors and Horses** - the most attractive site of Xian to most visitors. It is deemed as the most significant archeological excavation in the 20th century. Dating from 3rd century BC, Qin Shi Huang, China's first Emperor had the terracotta army built in the hope that they would protect him in his afterlife. It is estimated that there are 3 pits containing over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, with most of them unexcavated yet. This evening you will attend a feast of culinary and cultural delights with a special **dumpling banquet** followed with a fascinating **Tang Dynasty stage show**.

(If you book the flight tickets on your own, please make sure that the flight departure time is before 09:00AM)

**Day 05 Xian (B+L)** Hotel: **Grand New World Hotel or same level** ★★★★★

Today you will be escorted to visit ancient **Xian City Wall**. It stands out from other city walls for its sophisticated design and construction. With a moat surrounding, there is a rampart every 120 meters which is the arrow shot range. On the outer side of the city wall, there are 5,948 crenellations, namely battlements where soldiers could stay for firing. On the inner side, parapets were built to protect the soldiers from falling off. The wall now stands with height of 12 meters, width of 15m at the top and 18 meters at the bottom. It is the best preserved city wall extant in China, and also one of the most magnificent ancient military defense systems in the world. Also today you will make photo-taking stops at the **Wild Goose Pagoda** (exterior) and the **Bell Tower of Xian** (exterior). Rest of the day is at your own leisure.

**Day 06 Xian→Shanghai (B+L)** Hotel: **Holiday Inn Vista or same level** ★★★★★☆

In the morning, you will be guided to visit **Shaanxi History Museum**. Xian was capital city of 13 dynasties that lasted around 1100 years in total. Shaanxi History Museum houses over 370,000 exhibits of this long history, ranking among the 1st class museums in China.

Take flight to Shanghai after the museum tour. Get pick-up at airport by your local tour guide. Drive to check in your Shanghai hotel. This afternoon, you will be driven to visit **Xin Tian Di**. Literally means "New Heaven and Earth", it is Shanghai's trendiest lifestyle destination. Fashion shops, cafes, bars and clubs are opened here, attracting both stylish locals and sightseeing visitors. Today's dinner will on your own.

(If you book the flight tickets on your own, please make sure that the flight departure time is between 2PM and 3PM.)

**Day 07 Shanghai (B+L+D)** Hotel: **Holiday Inn Vista or same level** ★★★★★☆

Start the day by visiting **City God Temple bazaar**, used to be central shrine for Taoist worship, but now more as tourist spot with kinds of yummy snack food as well as featured handcrafts. Also this morning you will visit **Yu Garden**, Shanghai No.1 classical garden. Next stop is the bustling **Nanjing Road**. In the afternoon you will be driven to visit **the Bund**, a waterfront area renowned as Gallery of World Architecture. Along this 1500-meter waterfront, there are 52 buildings of various architectural styles such as Romanesque, Baroque, Neo-Classical, Beaux-Arts, Gothic and Renaissance. After dinner you will enjoy the **night cruise on the Huangpu River** to enjoy the city's enthralling night scenery. A Jewelry Exhibition Center is also on today's visiting list.

**Day 08 Shanghai Exit (B)**

Free at your own leisure till the hotel check-out time (before 12:00 noon). Free transfer from hotel to airport will be available at 09:00am. Transfer request of other time will be US\$35/person. Or you can organize it on your own.(Extension booking of the hotel room and extension tour to other China cities can be arranged at request with extra charge.)

