China Family Tour

Imperial Grandeur • Terracotta Warriors • Giant Pandas • Li River Cruise • Cosmopolitan Shanghai

June 21 - July 3, 2019

with R. Nicholas Burns
Trip Overview

Join fellow Harvard alumni on a family-friendly exploration of China’s magnificent culture and history. In Beijing, learn about the grandeur of the Ming and Qing dynasties with visits to the emperors’ Forbidden City and the Great Wall. Visit the new 798 artist compound with art galleries, museums, and boutique shops. Learn to fly kites at the Temple of Heaven. In Xian, the first imperial Qin dynasty comes to life before your eyes with Emperor Qin Shi Huang’s 2,300-year-old terracotta warriors. Take a new bullet train to the dynamic ancient city Chengdu and spend time with pandas and cubs at the beautiful Chengdu Panda Breeding Center. More than 100 pandas reside here. Guilin is world famous for spectacular karst limestone formations. Take a half day Li River Cruise and wander the old market street of Yangshuo town. Finally, experience the highlights of Shanghai, from the ultra-modern skyline of the Pudong to the colonial history of the French Concession. All along the way, your resourceful local guides will provide insightful commentary that gives context to the China you will see and experience.

Activity Level 3:  

A LITTLE MORE TO IT

The schedule will be demanding with moderate physical activity. You should be in overall good health and able to walk up to three miles over the course of a day and stand for periods of time in museums and at cultural and natural sites, often in the heat of the day. You should be able to board and disembark coach buses, trains, and boats on your own or with limited assistance from your travel companion(s). The trip includes a visit to the Longsheng rice terraces, a valley of rammed earth agricultural terraces. Other types of terrain you can expect to encounter include bricks, uneven dirt surfaces, and stairs. Special needs must be arranged for in advance and may result in additional costs.

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Study Leader

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His lecture topics will be available closer to departure.
Schedule by Day

FRIDAY JUNE 21
Depart U.S.
Depart the U.S on independent flights to Beijing

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
Arrive Beijing
Upon arrival in China you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at your leisure. (Meals Aloft)

• The New World Hotel Beijing

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
Beijing
In the morning, explore the Forbidden City, the abiding symbol of imperial China. Built between 1406 and 1420, the vast palace complex (980 buildings covering 180 acres) served as the home of emperors and their households.

Next, visit Houhai, a scenic lakeside area where ancient courtyard homes are still used by locals. Tour the district by pedicab through the narrow hutong alleys and along the treelined lakes. Enjoy lunch at a local family’s home to experience traditional Chinese lifestyles.

In the afternoon, tour the stunning architecture of the Temple of Heaven.

• The New World Hotel Beijing (B, L)

MONDAY, JUNE 24
Beijing
Today visit one of the New 7 Wonders of the World: The Great Wall of China. Drive northeast to the Mutianyu section of the Wall where you will learn about the storied history of this marvel, which stretches for 3,700 miles through 16 provinces. On the way down, children (and adults!) may enjoy an Alpine Slide.

Lunch is at Xiaolongpu Restaurant, famous for farm fresh produce and local cuisine.

Return to Beijing in the late afternoon and tour the 798 Dashanzi Art District, a renovated factory area that showcases street murals and fascinating sculptures from Beijing’s contemporary artists.

In the evening savor the imperial city’s most famous delicacy, Peking duck.

• The New World Hotel Beijing (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
Beijing-Xian
In the morning, board a high-speed train to the ancient Tang dynasty capital of Xian (5 hours). Upon arrival, make a stop at the Han emperor’s tomb, Yangling, where archaeologists work to uncover hidden relics.

Take a guided tour of the Muslim Quarter. Chinese Muslims trace their heritage from the Silk Road, and its influence can be seen in their clothing, customs, and cuisine.

The evening is at leisure. You may wish to explore Lan Kwai Fong, a popular entertainment district that offers an array of Sichuan and international restaurants.

• Fraser Suites (B, L)

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Xian-Chengdu
In the morning, take the highspeed train to Chengdu, known for its abundance of teahouses, vibrant markets, idyllic gardens, and ancient temples.

Wander the lively People’s Park where locals gather to practice Taiji, fly kites, or dance. Visit the lovely Bonsai Gardens where trees are grown for decades in large ceramic pots.

The evening is at leisure. You may wish to explore Lan Kwai Fong, a popular entertainment district that offers an array of Sichuan and international restaurants.

• Fraser Suites (B, L)

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Chengdu
In the morning, visit the Chengdu Panda Breeding Center where you will find scores of baby pandas frolicking across the grassy hills and climbing the verdant trees of their enclosures.

Next door is the Red Panda Center with dozens of small pandas in residence.
Later, tour Kuanzhai Xianzi, a traditional district with restored courtyard houses from the Qing dynasty. Beautiful teahouses, art galleries, bookstores, boutiques, and restaurants make this area a popular destination for locals.

For dinner, enjoy Sichuan hot pot at Tanyutou Restaurant. Then, see the Sichuan Opera with mask-changing and fire-breathing performers.

• Fraser Suites (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, JUNE 29
Chengdu-Guilin

Fly to Guilin mid-day. This area is famous for its spectacular karst limestone formations—vertical mountains thrust up from the seabed some 300 million years ago.

Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and tour the Elephant Trunk Park. Holding a pagoda and temple on its back, this hill is shaped like an elephant that is drinking out of the Li River.

In the evening, explore the local market downtown.

• Shangri-la Hotel (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
Li River–Yangshuo

In the morning, take a leisurely cruise down the Li River. Wind past scenic mountains named after their appearances such as: Mural Hill, Folded Brocade Hill, and Crescent Moon Hill.

After disembarking, take a ride to Liugong & Mushang Villages, a gorgeous agricultural valley ringed by karst mountains.

In the evening explore the lively Xijie filled with restaurants, shops, and local inns. Xijie is the home away from home for numerous mountain climbers, river rafters, and others attracted to Yangshuo’s extreme landscape.

Return to your hotel in Guilin after dinner.

• Shangri-la Hotel (B,L,D)

MONDAY, JULY 1
Guilin-Shanghai

In the morning, fly to Shanghai, China’s largest city.

After lunch on your own, take a walking tour of the historic Bund, the waterfront area where 1920s architecture is set against the incredible skyscrapers of the financial district.

Explore Xintiandi in downtown Shanghai, a $200 million entertainment environment with modern restaurants, clubs, cafes, and boutique shops.

In the evening, enjoy a performance of the world famous Shanghai Acrobats.

• Fairmont Peace Hotel (B)

TUESDAY, JULY 2
Shanghai

In the morning, wake up with the local denizens of People’s Park in the heart of the city. Check out the Shanghai Museum with its incredible collection of jade, porcelain, and fine jewels.

After lunch, tour Yuyuan Gardens. Designed in six unique parts, the gardens connect across a series of narrow paths and bridges and ends at the Huxington Tea House, where you can enjoy some refreshments.

Afterwards, walk through the French Concession and stop by Taikanglu Road with galleries and fine boutique shops. Cross the Huangpu River and visit the financial district, where you will ride the fastest elevator in the world to the top of the new Shanghai Center. At the tallest observation deck in the world, enjoy a bird’s-eye view of the old and new Shanghai.

In the evening, enjoy a farewell banquet at Dingxiang Garden Restaurant, serving impeccable Shanghai cuisine.

• Fairmont Peace Hotel (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
Shanghai-U.S.

Transfer to the Shanghai airport. Arrive in the U.S. on the same day, or continue on with your extension. (B, Meals Aloft)
Main Tour Cost

• Full Tour, Adults (17+) $6,595
• Children (16 and Under) $6,395
• Single Supplement $1,895

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS: All domestic land and air transportation in China, All sight-seeing, cultural activities, and meals listed on tour, Double occupancy accommodations in first class hotels, Asia Sublime’s national tour director and local guides & drivers gratuities

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS: Trip cancellation, lost baggage, or medical insurance, Meals not listed on tour, Visa processing fee, Gratuities for local guide and drivers on extensions, International and domestic U.S. airfare, Airport transfers for international arrival and departure.

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JUN 23–JUL 2, 2019
BRIAN FARRELL

Airfare to/from the traveler’s home to/from the tour is not included in main or extension tour prices. Our partner Airtreks can provide assistance to travelers needing assistance with flights, and more information will be provided during the booking process.

The Bund in Shanghai at night.
## Pre & Post Tour Extensions

### Chengde Pre Tour
Experience the grandeur of the Qing dynasty, where Qing imperial power and minority politics played out, Tibetan lamas founded their monasteries, Manchus pursued their hunting traditions, and Southern garden aesthetics were realized to their most opulent level. As a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site with a history of more than 300 years, this is one of the great cultural landmarks in all of China.

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### Huang Mountains Post Tour
Explore Huixhou villages and China’s crown jewel, the Huangshan Mountains. Granite precipices are about cloud level and offer intriguing natural lights, as well as the famed Sea of Clouds phenomena.

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### Hong Kong Post Tour
With its magical skyline as a backdrop, there is no end to the fascination of this self-styled World city. Museums, nightlife, extraordinary cuisine, endless shopping-life here is like no other place on Earth! Take the tram to Victoria Peak to enjoy panoramic views of Kowloon and the surrounding islands.

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Registration Form

To register, fill out this form and return to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person.

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Please call with any questions: 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

How did you hear about this trip?

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PROGRAM NAME: [ ]
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[ ] I/WE CONFRM THAT I/WE HAVE READ AND ACCEPT THE GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THIS TOUR, INCLUDING REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY CLAUSE AT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/TRAVEL.

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