

# CHINA VACATION

# G12E

## CLASSIC HIGHLIGHT TOUR – 12 DAYS

Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Guilin, Xian, and Beijing



### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Shanghai:** Old Town, Huangpu River Bund, Shanghai Museum, Oriental Pearl Tower (Asia's Highest TV Broadcasting Station) (May 16~ Oct 15: Expo)
- Suzhou:** Panmen Scenic Area, Garden of Master Net, Silk-weaving factory
- Hangzhou:** West Lake, Song Street
- Guilin:** Boat Trip on Li River, Guilin Two Rivers and Four Lakes Cruise, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill
- Xi'an:** Terra Cotta Army, Wild Goose Pagoda, Ancient City Walls, Stage Show of Tang Dynasty
- Beijing:** The Great Wall, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Tiananmen Square, Acrobatics

### MEALS:

- 28 Meals: 10 breakfasts (B)  
9 lunches (L)  
9 dinners (D)

### SPECIAL CUISINES:

- Shanghai:** Deluxe Courses
- Hangzhou:** Deluxe Local Cuisine
- Xi'an:** Dumplings Banquet
- Beijing:** Roast Duck Banquet, Sampling Imperial Cuisine at Fangshan Restaurant

### HOTELS:

- Shanghai:** Jinjiang Tower (Deluxe)
- Suzhou:** Garden View Hotel (Deluxe)
- Hangzhou:** Grand Metropark Hotel (Deluxe)
- Guilin:** Royal Garden Hotel (Deluxe)
- Xi'an:** Sheraton Hotel (Deluxe)
- Beijing:** New Century Grand Hotel (Deluxe)

\*China Vacation reserves the right to use other same-level hotels if necessary.

\*Please refer to "Information and Booking Conditions" for more details.



Terra Cotta Warriors, XIAN

### Day 1: USA → Shanghai

Board your transpacific flight.

### Day 2: Shanghai 🚄 Suzhou

Arrive in Shanghai and transfer to Suzhou the ancient water city, 50 miles from the airport. Stay in Suzhou.

### Day 3: Suzhou 🚄 Hangzhou

Your first stop is Panmen Scenic Area, Suzhou has a history of almost 3,000 years. Suzhou's highest stone arch bridge spans its Grand Canal. Dug in 506 B.C., the bridge is ten times longer than the Suez Canal in Egypt (12 times the Panama Canal) and is one of the three wonders of China. Next is the elegant Garden of Master Net, which exemplifies the Chinese garden-designing principle of "catching a world of beauty in a highly limited space." The Metropolitan Museum in New York has a copy of part of this garden. Your next stop is a time-honored silk-weaving factory. The reeling process for unwinding silk filaments from cocoons might be mystifying. Continue bus tour to Hangzhou. You will stroll through the Song Street. Stay overnight in Hangzhou. (B/L/D)

### Day 4: Hangzhou → Guilin

Hangzhou is praised along with Suzhou as an "earthly paradise". Today's activities include a boat trip on the Lotus-lined West Lake, the setting of many Chinese love stories. Surrounding the lake are pagodas, hills, gardens, grassy parks, and bridges. Stop by a typical Hangzhou teahouse (Hangzhou is famous for green tea). Take a flight to Guilin. Stay overnight in Guilin. (B/L/D)

### Day 5: Guilin 🚄 🚢

Cruising down the Li River, you will be entering a real life gallery: you will see fishermen use trained cormorants to catch fish, pass along the picturesque riverbank, and see limestone hill vistas. Disembark at Yangshuo to experience a colorful local market. Return to Guilin. The city of Guilin and its natural surroundings harmoniously merge into one as a picturesque combination. People often say, in their admiration of this unique landscape: "the city is part of the scenery while charming scenes are everywhere in the city". The Reed Flute Cave features fantastic natural stalactite and stalagmite formations, which are illuminated with multi-colored lights.

Another magnificent view is Elephant Trunk Hill, standing along Li River. This evening you will take a cruise trip around the two rivers and four lakes (Guihu Lake, Ronghu Lake, Shanhu Lake, Mulong Lake and Li River, Taohua River), which links the city by waterway. (B/L/D)

#### Day 6 Guilin → Xian

Take a flight to Xian—the capital of China for 73 emperors of twelve dynasties extending over 1,100 years. Visit the Wild Goose Pagoda and Ancient City. For dinner, feast on a numerous variety of dumplings. Enjoy a stage show from the Tang Dynasty in the evening. Stay in Xian. (B/L/D)

#### Day 7 Xian

Here you will find the Terra Cotta Army, with some 8,000 life-size clay infantrymen, archers, and cavalrymen, each with distinct faces, holding swords, spears, axes, halberds, longbows, and crossbows, standing ready next to their horses and chariots. These were arrayed to guard the tomb of Emperor Qin, which was discovered by a farmer in 1974 while he was digging a well. You might see some archaeologists working on-site to uncover the rest of the vast tomb. (B/L/D)

#### Day 8 Xian → Beijing

Take a flight to Beijing, the capital for five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Here is your chance to climb the Great Wall of China! Six U.S. presidents have visited this section of the 5,000 km wall with scenic mountain views since 1972. Tonight's special dinner gives you a taste of Peking Duck. Enjoy an acrobatic performance after dinner. Stay in Beijing. (B/L/D)

#### Day 9 Beijing

The Summer Palace features the nearly half-a-mile-long covered corridor, Marble Boat, and more. The next stop is the Palace Museum (Forbidden City) with 9,999 rooms, including a throne room, nuptial chamber, libraries, temples, and a theater. It was reserved for the emperor's family and his concubines. It is the largest imperial palace in the world, with golden-glazed roofs, red lacquered pillars, and vermilion walls. Sightseeing continues at the Temple of Heaven where emperors conducted annual ceremonies

to pray for a good harvest. This evening you will enjoy a special imperial cuisine served at Fangshan Restaurant. (B/L/D)

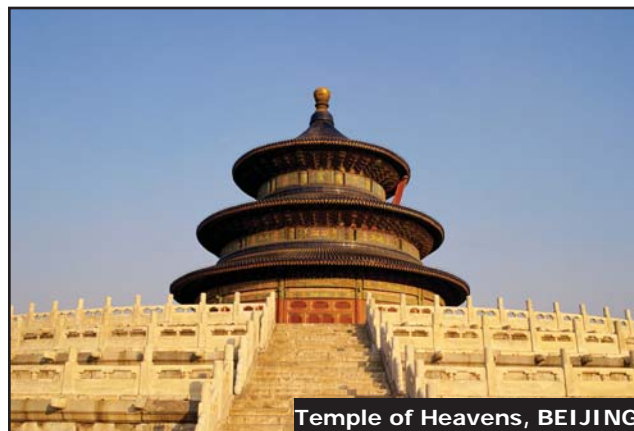
#### Day 10: Beijing → Shanghai

In the morning, stroll through the largest square in the world, Tiananmen Square, site of many historical events. You might also catch a glimpse of the National Stadium (also known as the bird's nest) while cruising in Beijing. This is the site for hosting the 2008 Olympic Opening and Closing ceremonies. Take a flight to Shanghai. (B/L/D)

#### Day 11: Shanghai

Shanghai, the commercial and financial center of China, features the Shanghai Museum, one of China's best. Sightseeing includes the Old Town, a well designed maze of elegant pavilions in the old section of the city. Then stroll along the Bund, China's most famous waterfront, stretch about one mile along the Huangpu River lined with buildings patterned after the Art Institute in Chicago, London's Big Ben, the Citibank Building, and many Victorian-style buildings and classical Greek designs. Then ascend the Oriental Pearl Tower (Asia's highest). From here you can marvel at the contrasting traditional buildings and modern Pudong District on the other side of the river. Stay in overnight Shanghai. (B/L/D)

\*The largest world expo will take place in Shanghai from May 16 to October 15, 2010. All tour participants traveling this time will enjoy a day at the expo, instead of the specified itinerary (B).



Temple of Heaven, BEIJING

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES(G12E)				
Year 2010	Departure Date	Return Date	Land only Prices	Single Room
Mar	03/28	04/08	\$2,299	\$600
Apr	04/11	04/22	\$2,399	\$600
	04/24	05/05	\$2,399	\$600
May	05/16	05/27	\$2,499	\$600
	05/30	06/10	\$2,499	\$600
Jun	06/06	06/17	\$2,499	\$600
	06/20	07/01	\$2,499	\$600
	06/27	07/08	\$2,499	\$600
Jul	07/04	07/15	\$2,499	\$600
	07/18	07/29	\$2,499	\$600
Aug	08/08	08/19	\$2,499	\$600
	08/22	09/02	\$2,499	\$600
Sep	09/05	09/16	\$2,599	\$600
	09/17	09/28	\$2,599	\$600
	09/26	10/07	\$2,599	\$600
Oct	10/11	10/22	\$2,599	\$600
	10/16	10/27	\$2,599	\$600
	10/24	11/04	\$2,599	\$600
Nov	11/07	11/18	\$2,499	\$600
	11/14	11/25	\$2,499	\$600
	11/21	12/02	\$2,499	\$600
Dec	12/12	12/23	\$2,499	\$600
	12/21	01/01	\$2,599	\$600

#### Day 12: Shanghai → USA

It is now time to fly homeward or on to your next destination. (B)

- \* Land only prices include China domestic air ticket, tax, and fuel charge
- \* Children under 11 years of age can share a room with two adult but will not be provided with an extra bed. Their price is 75% of adult price.