



An opportunity to see some of China's greatest sights. The city of Shanghai, Terracotta Warriors, Great Wall of China and Beijing.

DAY 1 – SHANGHAI

Take in the sights of the city of **Shanghai** – the Pearl of the Orient. Your guided **walking tour** explores the narrow alleys and cobblestone lanes of the **Old Town**, taking you over the famous **zigzag bridge** by the **pavilion teahouse**. During your Old Town tour, you'll visit **Yu Garden**, a classic Ming Dynasty garden and home with traditional halls and pavilions. Enjoy **luncheon** at a local restaurant, followed by a drive through the under-river tunnel to the **Pudong** area, the Wall Street of China. Among the many skyscrapers in Pudong, you'll see the **World Financial Centre**, the newest and highest building. Step aboard the magnetic **Maglev Train**, which will whisk you to Pudong Airport. Take a **flight to Xian**, where you'll transfer to the **Hilton Hotel** to check in and have **dinner**.

DAY 2 – TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After a buffet **breakfast** in the hotel, your tour will begin with a visit to the world-famous **Terracotta Warriors Museum**. First excavated in 1974, the 7,000 life-size Terracotta Warriors and horses are acclaimed as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World'. The Warriors are grouped in battle order, rank by rank, some mounted on horse-drawn chariots and others in infantry groups armed with spears, swords and crossbows. The detail and scale of these incredible sculptures is a sight to behold. **Luncheon** will be served at a local restaurant and afterwards, you'll have a chance to visit a local workshop which makes replicas of Terracotta Warriors.

In the afternoon you'll have an opportunity to take a leisurely walk on part of the **Xian City Wall**, the only completely preserved city wall in China, whose construction started in 1370. See the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, located in southern Xian. Built in the Tang Dynasty as a Buddhist Temple complex, the Pagoda is a well-preserved ancient building, where a treasured Buddhist manuscript has been preserved for over 1,300 years. In the evening you'll **dine** at the **Tang Palace Restaurant**.

DAY 3 – FORBIDDEN CITY

After **breakfast**, you'll take the morning **flight to Beijing**. On arrival, you'll be met by your local guide and have **luncheon** at a local restaurant. In the afternoon visit to the **Forbidden City**, also known as the Palace Museum; it was once the Imperial Palace from the Ming Dynasty through to the Qing Dynasty. Although the palatial complex is the largest in the world, covering more than 210 acres, the intricate detail within the pavilions and courtyards is incredible. In the early evening you'll transfer to the Beijing Kerry Hotel, where you will have **dinner** and spend two nights.

DAY 4 – GREAT WALL OF CHINA & SUMMER PALACE

Enjoy breakfast before visiting one of mankind's mightiest creations, the **Great Wall of China**. Built in the third century BC to protect China's northern border from marauding nomads and barbarians, the wall stretches over 4,500 miles east to west. Today, it remains a poignant reminder of the painstaking endeavours of nearly one million workers. **Luncheon** will be served at a local restaurant, followed by some **shopping** opportunities. In the afternoon, visit the Summer Palace, located on the outskirts of Beijing. Construction on the Palace began in the Jin Dynasty and by the time of the Qing Dynasty, it had become a luxurious royal garden for rest and entertainment. In 1998 the Summer Palace Gardens were listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the evening you'll have a traditional **Peking Duck dinner** at a local restaurant.

DAY 5 – THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN & HONG KONG

Breakfast will be served at the hotel before you head into the heart of Beijing to visit the largest square in the world, **Tiananmen Square** which covers 34 acres. This historic site is surrounded by the Great Hall of the People, Mao Zedong Memorial Hall and the National Museum.

Transfer to the airport with a light **box luncheon**, before taking the afternoon **flight to Hong Kong**. On arrival, you'll be met by your local guide and return to the ship in time for dinner on board.

Note: Bookings for this tour will close on 17th December 2017. There is a strict minimum and maximum participation. Please ensure you book the correct tour code for the accommodation you require (Double = SHA806, Single = SHA807). Prices shown on your record of shore excursions are per person, not per room. Once your booking is confirmed, any cancellation made after bookings close will incur a 100% cancellation fee. This tour departs Shanghai on 26th March and returns in Hong Kong on 30th March and will miss the port of Keelung. Please check your embarkation/disembarkation dates carefully before booking this overland. Flight times and further details will be advised on board and hotels listed are subject to change.

This excursion is physically demanding. Be prepared for very early morning starts, lengthy days, climatic changes and delays at airports. This is an inclusive excursion programme. No refunds will be given for any unused portion.

The fare includes: transport by coach, economy class air travel, sightseeing, meals and accommodation as described. Two glasses of local beer and soft drinks are included with luncheon; rice or house wine is also included with evening meals. Those wishing to order alternative beverages will be charged separately.

The fare does not include: items of a personal nature such as refreshments, telephone calls, laundry, gratuities, room service, fees for doctor's visits and prescriptions/medication, visas and travel insurance.

What to pack: please remember your passport and any medication you may require. Luggage limit is one case per person with a maximum weight of 20kg. Comfortable soft-soled, non-slip shoes are essential for walking the Wall, which can become slippery when wet.

Visas: Please be advised guests will require a visa when participating on this overland tour.

Weather: the temperature is likely to be cool in March. The temperature can be as low as 2°C in the morning, rising to approximately 11°C during the day.

Customs and traditions: please dress conservatively when visiting shrines and temples to respect local customs and cultures.

Traffic: Shanghai and Beijing are major cities, traffic can be very heavy. Everything will be done to maintain the itinerary, but some delays may be experienced.