



Beijing, Xian, Lhasa, Guilin, Yangshuo and Shanghai Tour 15 Days

Places Covered

Beijing, Xian, Lhasa, Guilin, Yangshuo and Shanghai

Duration

14 Nights/15 Days

Type

*Culture and nature;
Touring cultural and historic sites, enjoy local dances and cuisines, cruising, hiking, village visits etc*

Accommodation

Middle range hotel on twin sharing basis

Meals

All meals included as per itinerary (B indicates Breakfast, L for Lunch, D for Dinner)

Cost

*Land and internal airfare
US\$ 2578 per person based on minimum 2 participants on room sharing basis.*

Day 1: Beijing Arrival

Upon arrival in Beijing, transfer to hotel. Overnight at 3* Dongfang Hotel. www.bjdongfanghotel.com.cn or similar

Day 2: Beijing Sightseeing (B/L/D)

In the morning, visit the **Tian An Men square** and the **Forbidden City**, the former residence of the Ming and Qing emperors. Then, ascend Coal Hill from where you will discover a nice bird's eye view over Beijing. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the **Temple of Heaven** with its outstanding round shape, covered by an exquisite triple roof of blue tiles. This is where the Emperor used to pray for good harvests. You can try the famous **Beijing Roast Duck** for dinner.

Day 3: Excursion to Great Wall (B/L/D)

One full day excursion to the **Great Wall** (Ju Yong Guang section), and visit the Chang Ling Tomb of the **Ming Tombs**. Enjoy a walk along the **Sacred Path** leading to the necropolis. In the evening, you can attend a **Beijing Opera performance**. Overnight in the hotel.

Days 4: Xian (B/L/D)

Transfer to the airport for a flight to Xian and arrival transfer to the hotel. Visit the **City Wall, Big Wild Goose Pagoda and the Great Mosque**. In the evening, take a tour of Muslim Street. Overnight at 3* HENDERSON HOTEL XIAN www.newhendersonhotelxa.com/Hotel or similar

Days 5 Xian (B/L/D)

Sightseeing includes full day excursion to the First Emperor's famous **Terra Cotta Army**. On the way, stop at **Banpo Neolithic Site** and visit its interesting exhibition. In the evenings, you can enjoy **Tang Dynasty Dancing Show** and feast on local speciality **Dumpling Banquet** in the restaurants. Overnight in the hotel.

Day 6: Fly to Lhasa (B/L/D)

Take a morning flight to Lhasa, upon arrival, meet by your guide and transfer to hotel to take rest for acclimatization of the high altitude. Overnight at hotel.



Days 7 & 8: Lhasa (B/L/D)

Two full days of sightseeing in Lhasa covers; **Potala Palace**, a vast white and ochre fortress that used to be the residence of the Dalai Lama and the seat of Tibetan Government. It is Tibet's greatest architectural achievement and spiritual symbol. **Jokhang temple**, the most revered religious structure in Tibet. A highlight of a visit to Lhasa has got to be the circumambulation of the Jokhang temple and wandering the streets of Barkhor with maze of Tibetan shops/ markets.

Next day, your visit will include Drepung Monastery, which was once the world's largest monastery, with a population of around 10,000 monks. The word Drepung literally translates into "rice heap", a reference to the huge numbers of white monastic buildings that once piled up on the hillside. In the afternoon, visit the other largest monastery of Sera, where you should see the monks debating about Buddhist Philosophy. Also visit Norbulingka, the summer Palace of Dalai Lamas. Your accommodations in Lhasa are either at the Dhood Gu, Gorkha or best available tourist standard mid-range hotels

Day 9: Free day at Lhasa to pursue your own interest. (B/L/D)

Today is kept free so that you can pursue something that will interest you most.

There are several possibilities; drive to Yamdrok Tso Lake, Namtso Lake, to Tsurphu, Ganden, Mindroling or other places of interest. The cost can differ and you can decide this upon arrival in Lhasa as well. Overnight Dhood Gu, Gorkha or similar mid range hotel.

Days 10: Fly to Guilin (D).

Transfer to airport for flight to Chengdu and connect with the flight to Guilin. Upon arrival, meet your guide and transfer to **3* Universal Hotel Guilin**.

<http://www.mctshmi.com/universal/english/index.html> or similar

Days 11: Guilin (B/L/D)

Your full day sightseeing include visit to the Reed Flute Cave and the **Seven Star Park, the Fubo Hill and Elephant Hill** to get a stunning view of the surroundings and the landscapes which inspired so many painters in China. Overnight in the hotel

Day 12: Guilin – Yangshuo (B/L/D)

Enjoy a cruise on Li River through amazing landscapes of limestone peaks to the village of Yangshuo. Lunch will be served on board. Time in the small town to stroll about in the streets and local market. Enjoy the landscape of rice-paddies and orange tree plantations. Overnight at Aiyuan Hotel Yangshuo <http://www.aiyuanhotel.net/> or similar

Days 13: Shanghai (B/L/D).

Return to Guilin and take a morning flight to Shanghai. Meet your guide and sightsee the Bund and Nanjing Road. Take a boat tour at night to see Huang Pu River and it's Bund. Overnight at 3* Shanghai JianGong Jin Jiang Hotel

Days 14: Shanghai (B/L/D)

Visit the Old Town, the Jade Buddha Temple and the Mandarin Yu Garden and spend the rest of the time for Shopping or relaxing. In the evening, you can also enjoy an arobatic show and dinner. Overnight at hotel.



Day 15: Departure (B) flight ticket by you

Transfer to the airport for departure flight

Included

- Private transfer with English speaking guide & coach service during the tour in China and private transport and sightseeing in Tibet
- Private sightseeing tours including first gate entrance fee for the scenic spots mentioned in the itinerary
- Hotel accommodation on twin room occupancy with daily breakfast.
- Most meals are included. As indicated in the itinerary (**B**: Breakfast at the hotel **L**=Lunch, Chinese style lunch in the local restaurant; **D**=Dinner Chinese style dinner in the local restaurant)
- Internal airfare on coach class for Beijing/Xian/Lhasa, Lhasa/Guilin/Shanghai with airport taxes
- Tibet Entry permit

Not Included

- International airfare. (We can help you find best airfare).
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- China visa (You must obtain this on your own before departing for the tour).
- Drinks, tipping and other expenses of personal nature like phone, laundry, photography etc.
- Any extra expenses caused due to nature and unforeseen events such as flight delay, cancellation, road obstruction by natural calamities or political unrest.
- Travel Insurance.

Important notes on Itinerary

Although we will do our very best to adhere to the itinerary and its schedule, this itinerary should be considered an approximate indication of the schedule and scope of activities, and trip routing, rather than an inflexible schedule of Events. It is likely that there will be changes in the itinerary in terms of anything from the exact hotel used to the villages we may stop in for the night. Tour Guides and our crew will do everything to ensure that you are inconvenienced as little as possible.

Conditions of Participation

Your participation on a Wind Horse Holidays trip is subject to the conditions stated in the General Terms and Conditions, which includes the Agreement and Release from Liability and the Booking Conditions. We urge you to read this information carefully, and to call us if you have any questions.

Maximum Group Size

This is a private tour. Hence there is no group size. If you are a group of three or more and wish to take a private tour, we can look into revising the price.

Activity Level

This trip is designed for flexible, energetic people who like to be active, intellectually involved, and have a spirit of adventure with positive attitude. We rate this trip between easy to moderate. It features private vehicle, car, van or microbus (Based on tour group size) vehicle-based sightseeing



with some day walks (optional) and mid range (3*) hotels throughout. The trip involves some domestic flights. At Lhasa, many people feel the effects of high altitude right upon arrival. The usual symptoms are headaches, a bit of dizziness, fatigue, and loss of appetite. You'll need to walk slowly, rest more frequently, and drink ample fluids to avoid altitude sickness. To get the most out of the trip and enjoy the tours, we recommend that you make a special effort to be in good physical condition. Daily brisk walking, jogging and bicycling (or using a stair-climbing machine at your gym) is excellent preparatory exercises. Consult your physician if you have pulmonary and cardiac complaints.

Equipment & Clothing

When we receive your booking, we send you a full tour dossier, which contains a suggested gear and clothing list. If you do have queries at this initial stage do call us and we will be pleased to offer advice.

Guides

Local English Speaking Guides. They are trained, experienced and will take care of you from airport till airport.

Booking Formalities

US\$ 150 is due at the time of booking. Internal air tickets also must be purchased. These airfares are due after 2 -3 weeks of reservation. The balance of the land payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Final documents including vouchers, air tickets and itinerary and local contact list and will be mailed to you about one month prior to departure.

Cancellation Charges

90 day prior departure: US\$ 70 (Administrative Charges)

Between 60 to 89 days: US\$ 150

Between 45-59 days: US\$ 400 or 25% of total trip cost, whichever is higher

Between 20 to 44 Days: US\$ 600 or 40% of total trip cost, whichever is higher

Less than 20 days: 100%

Please note that cancellation charges of the airlines are in addition to ours.

You can download trip application form the following link of our website.

<http://www.windhorsetours.com/reservation.php>



THE COMPANY WIND HORSE

Wind Horse is a boutique travel company with independent offices, professionally managed by motivated shareholders. We have office in USA, Bhutan, Nepal, and India. We are proud to stake our claim as a **true specialist** of Himalayas and offer you the best by staying true to our roots in the Himalayas and Asia. With our expertise and insiders knowledge, you are able to discover the Himalayas as others can only begin to imagine. We offer exceptional value without cutting corners or sacrificing our commitment to quality. Unlike others who rely on a middle-man, we operate most tours ourselves.

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