ITINERARY

The Grand China Experience Tour-11 Days/9 Nights

DEPARTURE	DESTINATION	DURATION
BeiJing	Shanghai	11 Days / 9 Nights

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1

Day 1: Home-Beijing

Embark on an overnight flight to Beijing, the vibrant capital of China, where your unforgettable journey begins.

Hotel: **overnight flight**

Day 2

Day 2 – Arrival in Beijing

Exclusive airport pick?up service. Free time for rest upon arrival to recover from long ?distance travel.

Meals: None

Meals: **NO**

Hotel: **Beijing Marriott Hotel Northeast or DoubleTree by Hilton Beijing East Third Ring Road or equivalent**

Day 3

Day 3: Beijing-Full-day tour of iconic city landmarks

Visit core city landmarks for the whole day: Tiananmen Square, a world famous landmark; the Palace Museum, the royal palace; Shichahai, where old Beijing folk charm lingers. In the evening, enjoy the exclusive Yongle Imperial Banquet for an immersive royal style dining experience.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Meals: **Breakfast, Dinner**

Hotel: **Beijing Marriott Hotel Northeast or DoubleTree by Hilton Beijing East Third Ring Road or equivalent**

Day 4

Day 4: Beijing- Juyongguan Great Wall & jade culture tour

Hike the magnificent Juyongguan Great Wall. Visit the Chinese Jade Culture Exhibition Hall to appreciate intangible cultural heritage of Chinese jade art. In the late afternoon, head for the Olympic Park for an exterior view of the Bird’s Nest and Water Cube, two iconic Olympic venues, and witness the contrast between ancient and modern architecture.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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Hotel: **Wanda Jin Beijing Tongzhou Hotel, Chun Hui Yuan Resort or equivalent**

Day 5

Day 5: Beijing-Temple of Heaven & Traditional Chinese Medicine Experience

Tour the Temple of Heaven, a sacred site for imperial prayers. Visit the Traditional Chinese Medicine Culture Museum for an in ?depth experience of traditional Chinese medicine essence. After meal, transfer by private car to high ?speed?rail station and take a comfortable high?speed train to Wuxi to start the water?town journey in Jiangnan.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Wyndham Garden Wuxi Huishan or Holiday Inn WUXI CENTRAL STATION by IHG or equivalent**

Day 6

Day 6: Wuxi Lakeside Scenery & Suzhou ancient street night tour

Upon arrival in Wuxi, enjoy the scenery of Lihu Lake and visit the Jiangnan Pearl Craft Exhibition Hall. Then travel to Suzhou for a night tour of Qilishantang, an age old historic street. Host an exclusive welcome dinner at the time honoured restaurant Songhelou, where you savour authentic Su style cuisine together.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Meals: **Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner** Hotel: **Four Points by Sheraton Suzhou Wuzhong or equivalent**

Day 7

Day 7: Classical gardens, silk craft & tech exhibition in Hangzhou

Explore the Lingering Garden, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site. Tour a silk workshop to observe the intangible heritage of silk weaving. Proceed to Hangzhou and visit Xiaoshan Robot Science & Innovation Exhibition Hall to discover innovative tech ?integrated cultural tourism. Stroll along Hefang Street in the evening to soak in Hangzhou's down?to?earth street?market vibe.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Grand Marco Polo Grand Court Hangzhou or equivalent**

Day 8

Day 8: West Lake & Longjing Tea Culture Experience

Take a boat cruise on West Lake. Visit Longjing Tea Plantation for the "Longjing Tea Tasting" experience and dive into Jiangnan tea culture. Travel to Shanghai in the late afternoon for the glamour of a modern metropolis. Admire the night view of the Bund and visit Nanjing Road.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Holiday Inn & Suites SHANGHAI CHANGFENG by IHG, Artyzen Habitat Taopu Shanghai or equivalent**

Day 9

Day 9: Classic & trendy Shanghai landmarks + exclusive evening show

One?day tour covering City God Temple Commercial Area, Wukang Road (a popular cultural spot), and Tianzifang, a trendy cultural ?creative block. Visit the Latex Special Exhibition Hall. Secure reserved seats for Shanghai ERA Show to enjoy premium evening entertainment.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Holiday Inn & Suites SHANGHAI CHANGFENG by IHG, Artyzen Habitat Taopu Shanghai or equivalent**

Day 10

Day 10: Shanghai at your own pace – free day (optional excursions available)

Full?day free time at leisure

Optional Activities You Can choose Join:

1.Shanghai Heritage & City Highlights Tour Price: CAD $70 per person

Discover the perfect blend of old and new on this immersive tour through Shanghai's most iconic attractions. Wander through the beautifully landscaped Yu Garden area, exploring the bustling City God Temple precinct, renowned for its traditional architecture, local delicacies and vibrant market atmosphere. Head to Wukang Road, lined with elegant historic villas and century-old plane trees, capturing the timeless charm of old Shanghai. Afterwards, visit Xintiandi, where preserved Shikumen buildings are revitalized into a fashionable zone filled with boutique stores, cafes and restaurants. Then wander through Tianzifang, a distinctive labyrinth of Shikumen alleys dotted with art workshops, handicraft shops and cosy eateries. Conclude the tour on renowned Nanjing Road, China's top shopping avenue, where heritage sights and modern shops together embody the dynamic spirit of cosmopolitan Shanghai.

2.Zhujiajiao Ancient Water Town Discovery Price: CAD $70 per person

Escape the bustle of modern Shanghai and journey to the charming Zhujiajiao Ancient Water Town, a beautifully preserved canal town with more than 1,700 years of history. Stroll along peaceful stone-paved streets lined with traditional Ming and Qing Dynasty architecture, browse quaint local shops and artisan boutiques, and soak up the town's timeless atmosphere as graceful stone bridges arch over tranquil waterways. Upon arrival back in downtown Shanghai, head to Asia Pacific Shopping Center, a popular shopping destination featuring a wide selection of merchandise. Wander through its bustling shopping corridors, explore diverse stores and hunt for distinctive goods, ideal for picking up souvenirs and experiencing local commercial vitality.Later, ascend the iconic Jin Mao Tower, one of Shanghai's most celebrated skyscrapers. Admire the ingenious fusion of traditional Chinese pagoda design and contemporary modern architecture. Take in sweeping, panoramic bird's-eye views stretching across the Huangpu River, covering the timeless charm of the Bund and the futuristic skyline of Lujiazui. Witness the striking contrast between classic heritage and cutting-edge urban glamour that defines modern Shanghai.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Holiday Inn & Suites SHANGHAI CHANGFENG by IHG, Artyzen Habitat Taopu Shanghai or equivalent**

Day 11

Day 11: Departure transfer to airport

After breakfast, a private car will transfer you to the airport for your comfortable return flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

Meals: **Breakfast** Hotel: **Holiday Inn & Suites SHANGHAI CHANGFENG by IHG, Artyzen Habitat Taopu Shanghai or equivalent**

WHAT'S INCLUDED & EXCLUDED

COST INCLUDES

- ✓ Accommodations: A double standard room at the hotels listed in the itinerary.
- ✓ Attractions: All entry fees to the attractions listed on the itinerary.
- ✓ Transportation: A comfortable, air-conditioned tour bus.
- ✓ Second-class seat on the high-speed train from Beijing to Wuxi
- ✓ Guide: Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide.
- ✓ Meals: Meals listed in the itinerary

COST EXCLUDES

- ✗ Flights: All international airfare and airport taxes.
- ✗ Personal Expenses: Any personal spending, such as souvenirs, drinks, or optional activities not listed as included.
- ✗ Tour Guide Fee
- ✗ Gratuities:CAD 220 /PP

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS CHECKLIST

- **Valid Passport** — must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date
- **Required Visas** — verify visa requirements for your destination and nationality before travel
- **Travel Insurance Certificate** — trip cancellation and out-of-country medical coverage (strongly recommended)
- **Credit Card & Cash** — for personal expenses and emergencies
- **Medications** — in original packaging with prescriptions, plus a copy stored separately

IMPORTANT TRAVEL ADVISORIES

Entry Requirements: Entry to another country may be refused even if the required information and travel documents are complete. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure all documents are valid and in order.

Local Conditions: Living standards and practices at the destination, and the standards and conditions with respect to utilities, services, and accommodation, may differ from those found in Canada.

Airport Arrival: Please arrive at the airport at least **3 hours before** international departures and **2 hours before** domestic departures. Reconfirm onward flights with the airline at least 72 hours in advance.

Government Travel Advice: Check Global Affairs Canada at **travel.gc.ca** for the latest travel advisories for your destination.