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Escorted Package Includes

- Return Flights from Australian Capital Cities to Shanghai & Beijing
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- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- All intra-flights: Shanghai-Yichang, Chongqing-Xian & Xian-Beijing
- 12 nights First Class accommodations
 - 3 nights Shanghai
 - 4 nights cruise upstream on the Yangtze River
 - 2 nights Xian
 - 3 nights Beijing
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel & cruise portorage
- All transfers
- 26 meals: 12 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners with beer
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Services of local guides in all major cities
- Entrance fees per itinerary

- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- Explore the classical Yuyuan Garden and the Bund Riverside, Shanghai's popular promenade
- See the world-famous Terracotta Army, a collection of finely sculpted life-size soldiers, horses & chariots
- Visit the amazing Forbidden City, once residence of Chinese Emperors and Summer Palace
- Visit the 2000-year-old Great Wall, the World's longest man-made structure
- Savor a famous Peking Duck dinner with wine

Note: Gratuities for tour manager and coach driver are included.

DAY 1, Sunday - Depart for China

Depart for China. Arrive in Shanghai, the thriving metropolis on China's eastern coast. This dynamic city is constantly changing and growing, with an unforgettable skyline. Remainder of the day is at leisure to rest, relax and acclimate to the time change

Overnight: Shanghai

DAY 2, Monday - Shanghai City Tour

Morning orientation meeting with your Tour Manager about the exciting trip that awaits you. Then, on to see some of the city's major highlights. Begin at the classical Yuyuan Garden in the Old Quarter, built during the Ming Dynasty, a quiet and serene sanctuary in this frenetic city, with its scenic pavilions, ponds, and streams. Continue to the lively Bund, Shanghai's popular promenade; stroll along the park-like waterfront and experience the old world charm. After, on to the Jade Buddha Temple, one of the most active Buddhist temples in Shanghai, dating back to the Qing Dynasty. Return to the hotel late afternoon and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Tonight, gather together at a local restaurant for a Welcome Dinner

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3, Tuesday - Full Day in Shanghai

Today, is at leisure in Shanghai. Join the *optional* full day tour to Suzhou, including lunch and a cruise on the Grand Canal. Morning departure from Shanghai for the drive to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East". Upon arrival in this charming city, relax on a boat ride along the narrow waterways of the legendary Grand Canal. Later, walk along bustling Pingjiang Road, where the locals gather for entertainment and food and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Then, continue to the beautiful and fragrant Garden of the Master of the Nets, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Return to Shanghai later this evening

Optional: Full Day Suzhou with Lunch

Overnight: Shanghai

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Wednesday - Flight to Yichang; Embark Cruise

Morning at leisure for independent explorations in Shanghai. In the afternoon, visit to a silk carpet and embroidery shop in Shanghai to understand more about this ancient Chinese craft; see some of the beautiful creations, unusual styles and masterful techniques. Later, transfer to the airport for the flight to Yichang, the second largest city in Hubei province after Wuhan, its capital. Upon arrival, continue to the Port for embarkation on your cruise ship. This evening, you'll begin the scenic journey on the fabled Yangtze, the longest river in China and the third longest river in the world. You'll be warmly welcomed aboard by the friendly international staff. A memorable voyage awaits you

Overnight: Yangtze River

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Thursday - Xiling Gorge

This afternoon, an *optional* tour to the Three Gorges Dam, the world's largest and most ambitious hydroelectric project ever undertaken by man, nearly six times the size of the Hoover Dam. In addition to producing electricity, the dam was constructed to increase the Yangtze River's shipping capacity and reduce the potential for floods. This project has forever changed the landscape surrounding the Yangtze River and has also forced the relocation of people who once lived along the river. Tour the massive site to see this impressive achievement of engineering. Following the visit, return to the ship as it cruises upstream and enters the dramatic Xiling Gorge, the longest and deepest section of the Three Gorges Dam

Optional: Yangtze River Shore Excursion Package - Three Gorges Dam

Overnight: Yangtze River

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Friday - Wu Gorge & Qutang Gorge

Awake this morning to beautiful vistas on the river. Sail through the Wu Gorge, famed for its magnificent Twelve Peaks. Today, your *optional* tour will take you either on a scenic journey up Shennong Stream, travelling in small boats between rolling hills and rocky cliffs or on a scenic journey up Shennv Stream, the journey is accompanied by local folk songs and dances. Continue through the Qutang Gorge, the smallest of the three gorges, flanked by lush terraced hillsides

Optional: Yangtze River Shore Excursion Package - Shennv Stream or Shennong Stream

Overnight: Yangtze River

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Saturday - Cruise to Shibaozhai

The ship arrives this morning at Shibaozhai, built during the Ming Dynasty. This pagoda is sometimes referred to as one of the eight construction wonders of the world, built into the side of a rocky cliff face and constructed without the use of nails. This vermilion 12-story pagoda stands impressively over 100 feet high. The *optional* tour highlights the main attraction of the temple, with its traditional Chinese design. The structure is inspired by the mountains with patterns and figures that vary from odd to extraordinary. Climb the stairs and experience the most spectacular sights of the valleys below

Optional: Yangtze River Shore Excursion Package - Shibaozhai

Overnight: Yangtze River

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Sunday - Disembark Cruise; Fly to Xian

Disembark the Yangtze River cruise this morning in Chongqing, a major metropolis and one of the top emerging cities in China. Visit the Stilwell Museum, at his renovated former residence, dedicated to the General who was the Commander-in-Chief of Allied Forces in the China-Burma-India Theater. With the aid of General Stilwell, the Chinese people won the War of Resistance against the Japanese invaders. Transfer to the airport for the flight to Xian, ancient capital of eleven dynasties and an archaeological treasure trove. At tonight's *optional* Dumpling Banquet, you can sample nearly 20 delicious varieties of dumplings

Optional: Dumpling Dinner

Overnight: Xian

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9, Monday - The Terracotta Army

Morning visit to Xingqing Park, a hub of activity where you may have the chance to join the residents of Xian in their morning exercise, singing and dancing. Afterward, stop at a lacquer furniture shop to learn more about this technique. Lunch at a local restaurant. Then, an unforgettable experience! Continue to visit the archaeological site of the magnificent Terracotta Warriors, a vast collection of life-size soldiers, horses and chariots that were entombed with China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. This world-famous site, discovered by local farmers in 1974, is still being discovered and excavated today, more than forty years since the time of its unearthing. Afterward, visit the Muslim district of Xian; learn more about Chinese Muslims and witness the preparation of local foods in the market. This evening, an *optional* Tang Dynasty 6-course dinner followed by a historical dance performance by the Tang Dynasty Troupe

Optional: Tang Dynasty Dinner with Entertainment

Overnight: Xian

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10, Tuesday - Flight to Beijing

Depart Xian on a flight to Beijing, sprawling capital of modern China. The afternoon is at leisure. Feel the pulse of this city of contrasts with its astonishing history and wondrous sights. Join the *optional* half-day Hutong Tour which begins with a Rickshaw ride through the old narrow streets and alleyways. See the courtyard homes which once covered all of Beijing - only a few still survive today. Hear more about "old China" from a local family who will welcome you to their home

Optional: Half Day Hutong Tour (PM)

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 11, Wednesday - Great Wall of China

An amazing day! Travel to the extraordinary 2000-year-old Great Wall of China, one of the most spectacular structures ever built by man, spanning nearly 4,000 miles of China's northern frontier. En route, stop at a local jade shop to admire wares crafted with one of China's most famous materials. Then it's time to climb the ramparts of this ancient wonder to view breathtaking mountain passes, plateaus, and grasslands from this 7th-century defensive fortification.

Afterward, a relaxing lunch in a local restaurant. Drive via the site of the 2008 Olympics to see the National Stadium and the sprawling Olympic Village followed by a stop at the Beijing Zoo to see the famous Pandas - a must for all travelers to China. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a Beijing restaurant

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12, Thursday - Summer Palace and The Forbidden City

Today, visit the fabled Summer Palace, a resort of the Empress Dowager with its palace grounds, filled with a variety of picturesque gardens and architectural structures. Take a relaxing boat ride across the lake and enjoy the stunning scenery before strolling along the sprawling palace. Then continue to a local pearl shop to learn about the famous Chinese pearls. Have lunch at a local restaurant before continuing to huge Tiananmen Square, the largest public plaza in the world built at the height of the Ming Dynasty. The square's Gate of Heavenly Peace was once used as a staging ground for imperial edicts and by Mao Zedong himself to declare the founding of the People's Republic in 1949. Next, enter the Forbidden City, which served as the Imperial Palace until 1912. The extraordinary and immense walled complex is truly a masterpiece of Chinese architecture; its complex consists of 800 buildings with more than 9,000 rooms. Tonight enjoy a Farewell Dinner featuring China's famous Peking Duck

Overnight: Beijing

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 13, Friday - Depart China

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

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