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CHINA: BEIJING, XI'AN & SHANGHAI

9 or 12 days | China | Extension to Hong Kong

Surrounded by cypress trees in Beijing's 660-acre Temple of Heaven Park, you forget you're in a megacity of more than 21 million people. It's a common feeling in the destinations featured on this trip—the tranquility of a manicured palace or the tradition of a tea ceremony can make you feel worlds away from the skyscrapers and 21st-century din outside. The result is a tour experience that blends ancient history and modern life in one of the world's most dynamic countries.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:

-  **Full-time Tour Director**
-  **Sightseeing:** 3 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 sightseeing tour led by your Tour Director
-  **Entrances:** Summer Palace; Forbidden City; Tiananmen Square; Great Wall of China; Calligraphy workshop; Temple of Heaven Park; Bike ride on the Xi'an City Wall; Terracotta Warriors; Shanghai World Financial Center; Jade Buddha Temple; Yu Yuan Garden; with extension: Star Ferry ride; Peak Tram
-  **Experiential learning:** Tai chi lesson; school visit; tea ceremony; meal with Chinese family; with extension: dim sum tasting
-  **weShare:** Our personalized learning experience engages students before, during, and after tour, with the option to create a final, reflective project for academic credit.
-   **All of the details are covered:** Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flights; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); breakfast and dinner daily (2 dinners with extension)
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Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

– MELISSA, TRAVELER



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What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to China

Day 2: Beijing

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China. During your stay, behold the opulence of its ancient temples, palaces, and gates. Step back in time in the Forbidden City, whose grandeur is epitomized by the golden-roofed Imperial Palace. Discover the principles of *tai chi* on the magical garden grounds of the Summer Palace. Stand in Tiananmen Square, a site of worldwide cultural significance. And finally, no trip to Beijing would be complete without an excursion to the Great Wall of China. Construction of this 3,000-mile man-made marvel, used to defend the Chinese Empire against northern invaders, began in the third century B.C.

Day 3: Beijing

- Take an expertly guided tour of Beijing.
- Visit the Summer Palace.
- Take a dragon boat ride (April-Oct.).
- Participate in a *tai chi* lesson.
- Visit the Forbidden City.
- Visit Tiananmen Square.
- Visit a local school (if in session).
- Enjoy an authentic Peking duck dinner.

Day 4: Badaling | Beijing

- Travel to Badaling.
- Take a tour of the Great Wall of China.
- Participate in a tea ceremony.
- Take a guided walking tour of a Hutong neighborhood.
- Enjoy an authentic Chinese meal with Hutong families.
- Enjoy a free evening or
 - attend *The Legend of Kung Fu* show.

Day 5: Beijing | Xi'an

- Visit the Temple of Heaven Park.
- Fly to Xi'an, where the massive wall surrounding the city is a testament to its importance: It has served as the capital of 11 dynasties. While here, you'll follow in the footsteps of Silk Road traveler Marco Polo. Visit the life-size sculptures known as the Terracotta Warriors, which were created to protect the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, founder of the Qin Dynasty. Of these 6,000 models, no two are alike.
- Take a bike ride on the ancient City Wall.

Day 6: Xi'an

- Take an expertly guided tour of Xi'an.
- Visit the Terracotta Warriors.
- Participate in a calligraphy class.
- Enjoy a free evening or
 - attend a Tang Dynasty show with dinner.

Day 7: Xi'an | Shanghai

- Fly to Shanghai and discover a nexus point of ancient custom and modern technology. Once considered the "Wall Street of the East," the Bund is a waterfront promenade offering a postcard-perfect view of Shanghai's famous skyline. During your stay you'll ascend to the observation deck of the Shanghai World Financial Center and also see the Jade Buddha Temple. Sculpted out of white jade, these Buddhas were brought from Burma by a Chinese monk in the last century. One portrays Buddha experiencing Enlightenment, the other his transcendence into Nirvana. Stroll past goldfish ponds and admire classical Chinese landscape in the Yu Garden. Before you depart, pick up a souvenir along colorful Nanjing Lu, or Nanjing Road.
- Visit the Shanghai World Financial Center.
- Enjoy free time on the Bund.
- Attend a Chinese acrobatics show.

Day 8: Shanghai

- Take an expertly guided tour of Shanghai.
- Visit Jade Buddha Temple.
- Visit Yu Yuan Garden.
- See Nanjing Lu, or Nanjing Road.

Day 9: Depart for home

➤ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: Hong Kong

- Fly to Hong Kong.
- Watch "A Symphony of Lights" from the Avenue of Stars.
- Take a ride on the Star Ferry.

Day 10: Hong Kong

- Ride the half-mile-long Central-Mid Levels Escalators.
- Take an expertly guided tour of Hong Kong: Aberdeen; Repulse Bay.
- Take the Peak Tram up to Victoria Peak.
- Enjoy a dim sum tasting.

Day 11: Hong Kong

- Full day to see more of Hong Kong or
 - visit Lantau Island.

Day 12: Depart for home

Traveling to China showed me a whole new world outside of my life in North Carolina. Now that I know that there is so much more out there in our world, I want to travel and see new places as much as I possibly can!

– CAITLIN, TRAVELER



This tour was the highlight of my Senior Year! Going to all the different places (the Great Wall, Terracotta Warriors, the local language school, the Jade Buddha Temple, etc.) made me so much more aware of the world around me, and the difference between the cultures.

– RACHAEL, TRAVELER



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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan, and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER

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