

# China Interlude

Essential highlights

*With our intimate knowledge of China and years of expertise in designing tours, we have chosen some of China's best-loved highlights and combined them with many off-the-beaten-track visits to create an outstanding tour. The climax may well be the visit to beautiful Yangshuo where the magical landscapes have inspired some of the most famous Chinese poetry and paintings.*

## 14 days

Beijing (4 nights)

Tianjin

Xian (2 nights)

Guilin (1 night)

Yangshuo (2 nights)

Shanghai (3 nights)

**Day 1 London** Depart Heathrow at around 2025 on Air China's non-stop flight to Beijing.

**Day 2 Beijing** Arrive Beijing around 1310 and transfer to the 4-star Shangri-La Traders Hotel. Afternoon visit to the quaint hutong quarter by Lake Houhai. Enjoy a welcome dinner. (D)

**Day 3 Beijing** Morning visit to Tiananmen Square en-route to the Forbidden City, the complex of imperial palaces which were home to the Emperors for over 500 years. In the afternoon visit the beautiful Summer Palace. (BL)

**Day 4 Beijing** This morning visit the Ming-era Temple of Heaven. Drive north to the less-crowded and more scenic part of the Great Wall at Mutianyu. Evening Peking Duck dinner. (BLD)

**Day 5 Beijing, Tianjin, Beijing** Take a short bullet train journey to Tianjin. Enjoy a guided adventure tour of the city by public transport. Visit the former Italian concession area of the city before visiting the towering Tianjin Eye for stunning aerial views of one of China's fastest growing cities. Afternoon visit to Tianjin's ancient cultural street before enjoying a cruise along the Haihe River. Return to Beijing. (BL)

**Day 6 Xian** Morning flight to Xian. Visit the Han Yan Ling Museum. Continue to the Ming City Walls before transferring to the Grand New World Hotel Xian. (BL)

**Day 7 Xian** Visit the world-renowned Terracotta Army – individually crafted life-sized figures, complete with chariots and horses. Afternoon visit to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda, the Grand Mosque and Muslim quarter. Optional dinner and excellent Tang-era music and dance performance. (BL)

**Day 8 Guilin** Fly to Guilin and visit the Tea Research Institute, surrounded by limestone karsts. Transfer to the 4-star Bravo Hotel. (BD)

**Day 9 Yangshuo** Take the magical Li River cruise to Yangshuo and drift gently through enchanting landscapes. Browse through Yangshuo's colourful shops and visit scenic Gaotian township. This evening optional son et lumiere show performed on the river by a cast of 600. Stay at the Yangshuo Resort for 2 nights. (BL)

**Day 10 Yangshuo** Explore the countryside around Yangshuo, passing through villages to the Yulong River. Visit a farmer's house and continue to Jiuxian village. Afternoon at leisure. (BL)

**Day 11 Guilin, Shanghai** This morning visit the Silver Cave before returning to Guilin. Fly to Shanghai and stay at the 4-star Central Hotel. (BL)

**Day 12 Shanghai** Visit the Yuyuan Garden, Huxing Teahouse and the old Chinese quarter with its colourful bazaar. A 'dim sum' lunch is arranged to sample these famous delicacies. Admire birds' eye views from the Oriental Pearl Tower. Visit the quaint Xintiandi concession area and the famous Bund before dinner. Optional cruise on the Huangpu River to admire the beautifully illuminated Bund and Pudong District. (BLD)

**Day 13 Shanghai, Zhujiajiao, Shanghai** This morning visit the pretty watertown of Zhujiajiao (around 40 minutes from Shanghai). There are small waterways, shops, unusual museums, cafes and restaurants. Enjoy a boat trip on the lake and take lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Shanghai. Afternoon at leisure. Optional evening Shanghai acrobatic performance. (BL)

**Day 14 Beijing, London** Fly to Heathrow via Beijing arriving London Heathrow at 1745 the same day. (B)

### Extra night in Shanghai

From £85 per person twin shared including return transfer.

### Tour with Hong Kong

Note: Outbound flight to Beijing will be with British Airways.

**Day 14 Shanghai, Hong Kong** Transfer to the airport for a flight to Hong Kong. Stay at the Metropark Kowloon Hotel for two nights. (B)

**Day 15 Hong Kong** Enjoy the many attractions of this city at your own pace. (Optional full-day sightseeing available - bookable locally). (B)

**Day 16 Hong Kong, London** Day at leisure before transferring to the airport and boarding the late evening British Airways flight to London arriving on Day 17. (B)

### Extensions to Suzhou, Hangzhou or Wuzhen West

Details on request.

| Tour code       | INTER (Air China) |          | INTERHKG (BA) |          |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Departures 2016 | Twin share        | Sgl supp | Twin share    | Sgl supp |
| Apr 13*         | £2625             | £565     | 3195          | 645      |
| Jun 15          | 2625              | 525      | 3295          | 610      |
| Sep 14          | 2795              | 595      | 3395          | 685      |
| Oct 12          | 2795              | 595      | 3395          | 725      |

Tipping payable locally £65 per person.

Private Journey price from £2890 per person twin shared (minimum 2 passengers)

\*Guaranteed to operate with minimum 2 passengers

Metropark Kowloon Hotel extra night per twin/single room with buffet breakfast from £115. Private airport transfer £70 per person one way (min 2 passengers).

Air China Business class upgrades from £1595 return. British Airways upgrades: World Traveller Plus from £295 one way, Club World from £1135 one way.

### Price includes

- Economy class flights
- Twin-shared accommodation, transfers, transportation and sightseeing as listed (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- Services of English-speaking local Tour Guides

### Not included

- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Chinese visa
- Any government taxes or compulsory charges introduced after brochure publication

