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Family Tour with Yangtze Cruise

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Tour Code: CET-FM07

Length: 11 days and 10 nights

Cities Visited/Stayed: Beijing, Xi'an, Guilin, Yangshuo, Shanghai

Highlight Attractions: Temple of Heaven, Great Wall, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, Li River, Reed Flute Cave, Elephant Trunk Hill, The Bund

Experience & Features: Great Wall, Flying Kites at Temple of Heaven, Terra Cotta Warriors, Li River Cruise, Biking in Yangshuo

We prepare this tour especially for the families with children who are going to come to China in such a beautiful spring time! Those four cities have been the "Top Four" tourist cities in China ever since this country was opened to the outside world in the late 1970s. They are so popular with international tourists because you can experience different attractions that are all China's prides. In the capital city of Beijing, the Great Wall, the Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven and the other places of interests that are in the list of the World Cultural Heritage will give you the first impression on China. Stories told by your guide when you're standing in the world's largest imperial palace will help you learn lots of history about China's last two imperial dynasties, the Ming and the Qing Dynasty. If it is not that crowded, a kite flying will be prepared for the children in the Temple of Heaven. People say if you regard China as a huge and robust tree, the city of Xi'an is definitely the deeply-earthed roots of the tree. The Bell Tower, the City Wall, the pagodas are all the witnesses of this ancient capital's prosperity and brilliance in the past. The Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses is still a mysterious legend of the first centralized feudal empire of China. The "Most Beautiful Landscape under the Heaven" in Guilin will refresh you after days of palaces, temples and museums. The picturesque scenery along the Li River will amaze you and consume dozens of films or a big capacity of the memory card in your camera. The beautiful and peaceful environment and the relaxing life-pace will stimulate you to think about making a home here. Another kite flying will be arranged in a valley in Yangshuo when we're doing a cycling tour there. You will probably be shocked by Shanghai's modernization and fashionable life. A walk to the Nanjing Road and the Outer Bund will inform you how booming China's economy is.

Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

Upon your arrival, our guide will meet you at airport and transfer you to hotel. To explore the 2008 Olympics host city is your best choice in spare time, such as the Olympic Park. For dinner, you could choose a local restaurant to taste the famous Beijing Duck.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals:

Day 2: Beijing

[Temple of Heaven] is a place for the ancient emperors to pray for the God's blessing for the whole nation. We will visit there and if weather permitting, we might fly kites there. Then we will go to the largest city square in the world, the **[Tian'anmen Square]**. Right after the square, we will go to the largest imperial palace **[Forbidden City]**, which is with a history of around 600 years during the Ming and Qing dynasties in Chinese history. Later in the evening, we are invited to enjoy a Chinese martial art show named **[Kungfu Legend]**. It is suitable for all ages and will bring many exciting to all of us.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 3: Beijing

We will travel to **[Mutianyu Great Wall]**, 80 kilometers northeast of Beijing. Mutianyu Great Wall is characterized by many watchtowers on overlapping mountain ranges. The wall, built with slabs of stone, is crenellated on both sides with bricks. After a late lunch in a local restaurant, get back to the downtown.

Stay overnight in Beijing.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 4: Beijing-Xi'an

We will travel to the **[Summer Palace]** to appreciate the biggest and most renowned imperial summer resort from the Ming and Qing Dynasty, as well a great example of China's remarkable man-made architecture. We will go to the airport for a pm flight to Xi'an after lunch.

Stay overnight in Xi'an.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 5: Xi'an

Today we will visit the famous **[Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum]**, which will show us the unearthed pottery figurines. And these figurines are considered "the Eighth Wonder of the World" and one of the most significant archaeological finds of the 20th Century. After that, wandering the narrow streets among the Muslim quarter for the rest free time is recommended. You can find quaint shops, lively markets, groups of the whitebeard men in skull caps sipping tea in dingy cafes there.

Stay overnight in Xi'an.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 6: Xi'an-Guilin

In the morning you may explore the city for your free time. Then we will have the chance to know about how Xi'an grew into the cradle of Chinese culture during the visiting to the **[Shaanxi Provincial Museum]**. Next is the **[Big Wild Goose Pagoda]**. It was built by the eminent monk Xuanzang in 652 AD and it is greatly important to China's Buddhism history. Right after that, we go to the airport to take a pm flight to Guilin.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 7: Guilin-Yangshuo

Today we will go to the shipside for **[Li River cruise]** and enjoy the Li River picturesque landscape to Yangshuo. Your visit to China will be highlighted by this cruise. We will travel through the gorgeous peaks, sprays of bamboo lining, local fishing rafts on the river and charming villages. After arrival, we go to check in our hotel in Yangshuo town. This town is known as "Global Village", a popular town with travelers from all over the world. You could arrange the rest time on your own.

Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 8: Yangshuo-Guilin

Today we will take a **[cycling tour]** in morning. We will **[fly kites for the second time]** on our way. It will be a flat valley with astonishing limestone pinnacle hills around and a full view of lovely green color rice paddies.

Your heart will fly up just like the kites. And the water buffalos will even stop working and watch you and kites. We will drive back to Guilin in afternoon.

Stay overnight in Guilin.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 9: Guilin-Shanghai

We will go to the **[Reed Flute Cave]** to have a visit. It is a scenic spot with natural beauty of a large amount of stalactites and stalagmites and endless variety of remarkable scenes. After that, we will go to the **[Elephant Hill]**, the symbol of Guilin city, which looks like a giant elephant with its long trunk drinking water from the Li River. Afterward we will take a pm flight to Shanghai.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 10: Shanghai

We will visit the private garden, **[Yuyuan Garden]** which is the most typical representative of Chinese garden. And the **[Outer Bund]**, we can experience the modern skylines of this China's biggest city. The **[Nanjing Road]** nearby, we will go to have a look at the most prosperous and bustling shopping center of Shanghai.

Stay overnight in Shanghai.

Meals: (B, L)

Day 11: Shanghai-Departure

Before go to the airport for your flight home, you still have free time for your own. Your tour we sponsored ends at the airport with our tour representative.

Meals: (B)

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