

Bluesky Series - China

From
\$1,899

13 Days China Splendor Tour with Suzhou-Hangzhou

Beijing - Xian - Yangtze Cruise - Shanghai - Hangzhou - Shanghai

Availability & Prices 2013

Year of 2013	Dates of Arrival at Beijing Airport			Price (per adult)	Price (per kid) with bed	Price (per kid) w/o bed
Mar.	04	11		\$1899	\$1899	US\$1699
Apr.	08	22		\$1899	\$1899	US\$1699
May.	06	20		\$1999	\$1999	US\$1799
Jun.	03	17		\$1999	\$1999	US\$1799
Jul.	01	15	29	\$1999	\$1999	US\$1799
Aug.	12	19		\$1999	\$1999	US\$1799
Sep.	09	16		\$2099	\$2099	US\$1899
Oct.	07	21		\$2099	\$2099	US\$1899
Nov.	04	11		\$1999	\$1999	US\$1799

Kids should be under 12 years old.

Special Remarks

Tipping \$130/person: The above rates do NOT include the tipping to guide or driver. The tipping is \$10/day X 13 days = \$130 per group member.

Single room supplement \$799: The price per adult is based on the assumption that two adult travelers will share a double room (with two single beds or one king-size bed as per request). Any traveler requiring a single room will need to pay supplement of \$799.

Shopping Stops:

Beijing - Pearl + Chinese Herb; Xian - Terracotta Sculpture; Shanghai - Emerald; Suzhou- Silk; Hangzhou - Tea;

Group Schedule: The group has fixed itinerary and schedule. Every member must follow the group during the 13 days. Any traveler leaves the group before the tour ends, he/she needs to pay US\$100/day. And the prepaid amount won't be refunded.

China Internal Flights:

Flight from Beijing to Xian : Economy-class tickets;
Flight from Xian to Chongqing : Economy-class tickets;
Flight from Yichang to Shanghai : Economy-class tickets;



Price Inclusions

- ✓ Hotel accommodation (9 nights in 4 or 5-star hotels);
- ✓ Yangtze Cruise : 5-star (3 nights; standard double cabin);
- ✓ Buffet breakfasts in hotels;
- ✓ Coach transportation in each city;
- ✓ Meals of China delicacy as specified in itinerary;
- ✓ English-speaking tour guide service;
- ✓ Entry tickets of tourist sites as indicated in itinerary.

Price Exclusions

- ✗ Int'l or internal airfare/airport tax/fuel surcharge;
- ✗ Tipping to the porter;
- ✗ China Visa;
- ✗ Travel Insurance (recommended);
- ✗ Additional tours;
- ✗ Tipping to the tour guide or the driver;
- ✗ Single room/cabin supplement.

Day 01 Arrival Beijing

The tour guide will wait for you at Beijing airport. After warm welcome, you will be transferred to check in the hotel we have reserved for you. Free at your own leisure for the rest of the day.

Hotel: Howard Johnson Paragon or same level ★★★★★

Day 02 Beijing (B+L)

Enjoy buffet breakfast in hotel and then start your Beijing sightseeing with the local guide. First stop will be the world's largest city plaza - **Tiananmen**, also the iconic symbol of China politics nowadays. It is a part of imperial complex **Forbidden City** where you will also visit this morning. It was ever the permanent residence of the emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Civilians were ever not allowed to enter the buildings, hence its name Forbidden City. Proceed to Beijing Hutongs and hop on a rickshaw, riding along these narrow valleys. Visit a local family and have lunch of family dishes with the host. After lunch, say farewell to the family and drive to **Summer Palace** - the world's largest royal garden. Its 70,000 square meters of building space features a variety of palaces, garden and other ancient-style architectural structures.

Hotel: Howard Johnson Paragon or same level ★★★★★

Day 03 Beijing (B+L+D)

Today's highlight will be hiking on the **Great Wall**. Today you will visit the **Juyongguan Section**. Fortifications built here could be traced back to as early as Spring and Autumn Period (770BC-476BC). More as military stronghold, Juyongguan Great Wall is also famous for its enthralling natural scenery around.

Hotel: Howard Johnson Paragon or same level ★★★★★

Lunch will be reserved with a decent restaurant nearby the Great Wall. Dinner will be mouthwatering **Peking Duck**. After dinner, you will attend an amazing **Kung Fu** show.

Day 04 Beijing → Xian (B)

Continue your Beijing tour this morning by visiting **Temple of Heaven** - a masterpiece of China's architectural art. It was the place where emperors worshipped heaven and prayed for good harvests, the largest extant one of its kind. This morning you will also stop by **Bird's Nest** and **Water Cube** - the main venues of Beijing Olympics. Some photo-taking time outside the two sites will be available. Lunch will be of your own arrangement. This afternoon, you will be transferred to Beijing airport. Board the flight to Xian. Your Xian tour guide will pick you up at Xian airport and assist you to check in Xian hotel.

Hotel: Grand New World Hotel or same level ★★★★★

Day 05 Xian (B+L)

Today you will be escorted to **Terracotta Warriors and Horses** - the most attractive site of Xian to most visitors. It is deemed as the most significant archeological excavation in the 20th century. Dating from 3rd century BC, Qin Shi Huang, China's first Emperor had the terracotta army built in the hope that they would protect him as well in his afterlife. It is estimated that there are 3 pits containing over 8,000 soldiers, 130 chariots with 520 horses and 150 cavalry horses, with most of them unexcavated yet. After day excursion to this man-made wonder, get driven back to hotel. On the way, make a stop at **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** (exterior), a seven-storey pagoda of 64m in height. It was originally built in 652 to house Buddhist scriptures taken from India by the hierarch Xuanzang.

Hotel: Grand New World Hotel or same level ★★★★★

Day 06 Xian → Chongqing (B+L+D)

In the morning, you will be guided to visit **Xian City Wall**. Xian is one of the Great Four Ancient Capitals in China. Many historic sites can still be traced now. Xian City Wall is the best preserved city wall in China, with sophisticated design and construction dating back to some 600 years ago. **Grand Mosque** is also on today's visiting list. It was built in year of 742 as a result of the introducing of Islam and the gradually expanding community. Different from most mosques in Mid East or Arab countries, the construction and architectural style of Great Mosque is in Chinese style except for some Arabic lettering and decorations. Take afternoon flight to Chongqing. Get pick-up at airport. Board the deluxe cruise after dinner.

Cruise: Star Cruises or same level ★★★★★

19:00-20:00 Embarkation at Chongqing

22:00 Departing Chongqing Pier

Day 07 Yangtze Cruise (B+L+D)

07:00 Breakfast; 08:00 Briefing on the cruise; 09:00-11:30 Shore Excursion: the Ghost City of Fengdu

Cruise: Star Cruises or same level ★★★★★

Day 08 Yangtze Cruise (B+L+D)

11:00 Passing the Qutang Gorge;
12:30-16:30 Shore excursion to the Lesser Three Gorges by boat. Passing through Wu Gorge;
22:00-02:00 Passing the Three Gorges Dam Shiplock;

Cruise: Star Cruises or same level ★★★★★

Day 09 Yichang → Shanghai (B+L)

07:30-10:30 Shore Excursion: the Three Gorges Dam Project; Passing the Xiling Gorge
12:00 Arriving in Yichang -Disembarkation

Hotel: Holiday Inn Vista Shanghai or same level ★★★★★☆

Meet your Yichang guide at the pier. After lunch, get driven to Yichang airport and fly to Shanghai. Meet your local guide upon arrival and then drive to check in your Shanghai hotel.

Day 10 Shanghai (B+L)

Start the day by visiting **City God Temple bazaar**, used to be central shrine for Taoist worship, but now more as tourist spot with kinds of yummy snack food as well as featured handicrafts. Also this morning you will visit **Yu Garden**, Shanghai No.1 classical garden. Next stop is the bustling **Nanjing Road**. In the afternoon you will be driven to visit **the Bund**, a waterfront area renowned as Gallery of World Architecture. Along this 1500-meter waterfront, there are 52 buildings of various architectural styles such as Romanesque, Baroque, Neo-Classical, Beaux-Arts, Gothic and Renaissance. After dinner you will enjoy the night **cruise on the Huangpu River** to enjoy the city's enthralling night scenery. A Jewelry Exhibition Center is also on today's visiting list.

Hotel: Holiday Inn Vista Shanghai or same level ★★★★★☆

Day 11 Shanghai-Hangzhou (B+L)

The driver will pick you up at your Shanghai address (around 8am) and then drive you to Hangzhou. Meet your local guide upon arrival. Then take a stroll along **Hefang Old Street** - the most popular pedestrian street lined with many century-old shops and various snacks from all around the country. Lunch of Hangzhou local dishes. This afternoon you will visit **Six Harmonies Pagoda** for a bird view of the grandeur of Qiantang River. Some leisure time at **Xintiandi of West Lake** - the iconic site of fashion in Hangzhou, attracting a number of world-renown cafe, clubs and restaurants open branch business here. Check in Hangzhou hotel for overnight.

Hotel: Pujing Int'l Hotel or same level ★★★★★

Day 12 Hangzhou-Suzhou (B+L)

This morning, take a cruise on picturesque **West Lake**, taste high-grade tea on **Meijiawu Tea Plantation**. Then drive to Suzhou. And with the local guide, today in Suzhou you will visit **Lingering Garden** - one of China's great four classical gardens. **Suzhou silk factory** will be the next stop, Suzhou silk products enjoy worldwide fame. You will see how these fabulous silk is produced. This evening you will have some leisure time on the most popular pedestrian street in Suzhou - **Guanqian Street**.

Hotel: Jiasheng Palace Hotel or same level ★★★★★

Day 13 Suzhou / Shanghai Airport Exit (B)

Suzhou hotel check-out. Free transfer from hotel to Shanghai Pudong Airport will be available at 08:00am.

Private transfer from Suzhou hotel to Shanghai Pudong Airport will be US\$200 per trip for a group of less than 4 travelers, US\$300 per trip for a group of 5 - 9 travelers, US\$50 per person for a group of over 10 travelers.