



Imperial Legend of China

Product Code: **A-ACL15D**

EUR 2699 / P.P. Double Room
EUR 3558 / P.P. Single room

Beijing – Suzhou – Shanghai – Shaolin – Luoyang – Xi'an – Guilin – Yangshuo – Hong Kong



Day 1 Flight to Beijing


Day 2 Beijing

 Xiyuan hotel Beijing***** or similar

Arrival at Beijing International Airport. Welcome by your guide, then transfer and check-in at a 5-star hotel in Beijing. Free time and dinner on your own.

Day 3 Beijing

 Xiyuan hotel Beijing***** or similar

 Breakfast | Lunch

After breakfast at the hotel, departure for a visit to Tian An Men Square, the largest public square in the world. Located in the heart of the city, it was the main gate to the Imperial Palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Facing the Forbidden City (closed on Mondays), the vast Tian An Men Square stretches over nearly 40 hectares. To the north, the red wall of the Forbidden City rises on both sides of the imposing Tian An Men Gate. Visit of the Forbidden City, also known as the Imperial Palace, which the Chinese themselves call the "Red City." It was the residence of 24 emperors. Covering an area of 72 hectares, it contains more than 9,000 rooms. The former imperial city was once surrounded by walls. After the fall of the empire in 1912, the Forbidden City gradually opened to the public. After lunch, visit the Temple of Heaven. In the 15th century, during the Ming dynasty, altars were built to the south, north, east, and west of Beijing to offer sacrifices to Heaven, Earth, the Sun, and the Moon. Under the Qing dynasty (1644–1911), the site was expanded to become the largest sanctuary in China. It covers an area of 273 hectares and is one of the most beautiful architectural complexes due to its highly symbolic design, the harmony of its colors, and the perfect proportions of its buildings. Dinner on your own and overnight at hotel.

Optional: Peking roast duck specialty dinner and night tour of Beijing

Include

- 1) International flights;
- 2) 13 nights in 5-star hotels (local standards) in a double room;
- 3) Local transportation by coach or 2nd class high-speed train as specified in the itinerary;
- 4) Meals as mentioned in the itinerary;
- 5) Entrance fees to all sights and activities mentioned in the program;
- 6) Services of English-speaking local guides during the visits;

Exclude

- 1) Single room supplement (for single occupancy);
- 2) Personal expenses;
- 3) Meals not mentioned in the program;
- 4) Drinks during meals;
- 5) Tips for guides and drivers (€5 per person per day);
- 6) Porterage service fees;
- 7) Optional activities;
- 8) Travel insurance;
- Optional Activities (to be booked)



Day 4 Beijing

🏠 Xiyuan hotel Beijing***** or similar
🍴 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

In the morning, after breakfast, visit the Summer Palace, which was the former imperial garden during the Qing dynasty. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Summer Palace is renowned for its natural beauty and the grandeur of its royal gardens. The entire complex covers an area of nearly 2.7 km².

After lunch, visit the Lama Temple, the largest Tibetan temple in Beijing and one of the best preserved in China. Also known as Yonghe Temple, it boasts over 300 years of history and holds three world records: the largest wooden Buddha; bronze Buddhas of the past, present, and future; and the Hill of 500 Arhats.

Take part in a cultural workshop on Chinese tea art and culture.
After dinner at a local restaurant, transfer back to the hotel.

Day 5 Beijing – Suzhou by High-Speed Train

🏠 New City Garden Hotel***** or similar
🍴 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

After breakfast, visit the Great Wall at Juyongguan, located in the Changping District. Its name dates back to the Qin dynasty. At the time, Qin Shi Huang's soldiers had to build this section of the Great Wall. Low-cost labor was used, including immigrant workers and convicted criminals. After lunch, transfer to the train station to board a high-speed train to Suzhou.

Visit Suzhou, often referred to as the "Venice of the East," with its ancient city crossed by many canals. It is one of the oldest cities in the Yangtze River basin and is also known as the Silk Capital of China.
After dinner at a local restaurant, transfer and check-in at the hotel.

Day 6 Suzhou – Zhujiajiao – Shanghai

🏠 Jinling Purple Mountain Hotel Shanghai***** or similar
🍴 Breakfast | Lunch

After breakfast, visit the Suzhou Museum (closed on Mondays), located near the famous Humble Administrator's Garden. This modern museum was designed by award-winning Chinese-American architect I.M. Pei. It features over 15,000 exhibits, ranging from calligraphy and ancient paintings to cultural relics and wooden sculptures — offering deep insights into Suzhou's history and culture.

After lunch, visit Liu Garden, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is one of China's most famous and beautiful classical gardens, renowned for its artistic integration of architectural elements.

Continue on the way to Zhujiajiao Water Town, known for its charming old streets lined with traditional wooden houses. The town is full of souvenir shops and local food vendors offering specialties like lacquered pork feet, grilled rice with bacon wrapped in banana leaves, live crabs, and a variety of desserts.

Dinner on your own.

Optional: Huangpu River Dinner Cruise

Day 7 Shanghai

🏠 Jinling Purple Mountain Hotel Shanghai***** or similar
🍴 Breakfast | Lunch

at the time of registration):

- Day 3: Peking duck specialty dinner and night city tour of Beijing – €60/pers
- Day 6: Dinner cruise on the Huangpu River in Shanghai – €60/pers
- Day 7: Acrobatic show and dinner in Shanghai – €80/pers
- Day 10: Chinese dumpling banquet with Tang Dynasty dance performance – €80/pers
- Day 12: Impression Liu Sanjie sound & light show – €80/pers

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After breakfast, visit the Shanghai Museum (closed on Mondays), which houses impressive collections illustrating the evolution of Chinese art in chronological order. Its eleven galleries feature top-tier collections of paintings, bronzes, sculptures, ceramics, calligraphy, jades, Ming and Qing dynasty furniture, coins, seals, and ethnic minority art.

After lunch, visit Yu Garden, built in the 16th century. Its rounded shapes are meant to symbolize the heavens, with winding paths, circular pavilion doors, and symbolic elements. Hills, streams, and ponds represent a miniature version of the world.

Finish the day with a visit to the Jade Buddha Temple (Yufosi), home to two magnificent jade Buddha statues.

Then visit a silk workshop to learn about the ancient history of Chinese silk. Dinner on your own.

Optional: Dinner and Chinese acrobatic show

Day 8 Shanghai – Zhengzhou by High-Speed Train (2nd class) – Shaolin – Dengfeng

Jinpeng Eco Hotel***** or similar

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

After breakfast, transfer to the railway station and board a high-speed train to Zhengzhou. Upon arrival and after lunch, head to the Shaolin Temple, a world-famous monastery considered the birthplace of martial arts, where the renowned Kung Fu was developed. Its Pagoda Forest was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2010.

You will attend a Kung Fu performance.

After dinner, transfer to your hotel.

Day 9 Dengfeng – Luoyang – Zhengzhou – Xi'an by High-Speed Train (2nd class)

Grand Barony Xi'an***** or similar

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

After breakfast, departure to Luoyang to discover the Longmen Grottoes, which house the most extensive and impressive collection of Chinese art from the Northern Wei (386–534) and Tang (618–907) dynasties. Over 2,300 caves contain Buddhist-inspired sculptures and carvings, showcasing the pinnacle of Chinese sculptural art.

After lunch, transfer to Zhengzhou station and board a high-speed train to Xi'an.

Upon arrival, dinner and transfer to the hotel.

Day 10 Xi'an

Grand Barony Xi'an***** or similar

Breakfast | Lunch

After breakfast, head to Lintong District, 35 km east of Xi'an, where in 1974 the Terracotta Army was discovered — part of the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huangdi, inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1987.

Construction of the emperor's tomb began as soon as he took the throne, and intensified after the unification of China in 221 BC, eventually involving over 700,000 workers for 38 years. Each of the statues — averaging 1.86 meters tall and weighing about 300 kg — is unique, representing infantrymen, cavalymen, archers, bronze chariots, and horses.



After lunch, visit the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, and explore a well-known jade workshop.

Dinner on your own. Overnight at the hotel.

Optional: Dumpling banquet with Tang Dynasty dance show

Day 11 Xi'an – Guilin by flight



 Hotel Lijiang Waterfall***** or similar
 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Guilin. Upon arrival, you'll be welcomed and have lunch, followed by a panoramic tour of Guilin's hills, including Elephant Trunk Hill and Fubo Hill on the banks of the Li River.

Then depart for a visit to Longji, home to the stunning rice terraces. After dinner, transfer to the hotel.

Day 12 Guilin – Yangshuo

 Yangshuo Greene Lotus Hotel***** or similar
 Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

After breakfast, depart for Yangshuo and enjoy a cruise on the Li River, where you'll admire some of the region's most breathtaking landscapes and impressive karst peaks covered in lush vegetation. Along the way, you'll see bamboo forests lining the riverbanks and the emerald-colored, crystal-clear waters.

Upon arrival, visit the ancient town of Fuli, known for its old streets, colorful painted fans, scroll paintings, and water buffalo. This peaceful town, with over 800 years of history, is renowned as the artistic hub of the region, particularly famous for its traditional hand-painted fans.

Dinner at a local restaurant and transfer to the hotel.

Optional: "Impression Liu Sanjie" sound and light show

Day 13 Yangshuo – Guilin – Hong Kong by High-Speed Train (2nd class)

 Hongkong Harbour Grand Hongkong***** or similar
 Breakfast | Lunch

After breakfast, transfer to Guilin railway station and board a high-speed train to Hong Kong. Upon arrival, enjoy a city orientation tour, then transfer to the hotel.

Free time and dinner on your own.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14 Hong Kong

 Hongkong Harbour Grand Hongkong***** or similar
 Breakfast | Lunch

In the morning, take the Peak Tram to Victoria Peak for a panoramic view over the entire archipelago and bay. Then descend via the famous Central-Mid-Levels escalator to Tai Kwun, the former Central Police Station turned into an arts and heritage complex — a symbol of Hong Kong's colonial and cultural past.

Continue with a visit to the beautiful Man Mo Taoist Temple, then stroll along Cat Street, lined with old antique shops. Take the iconic Star Ferry across the harbor to Kowloon, followed by a dim sum lunch.

The afternoon is free: explore the traditional markets and neighborhoods of Kowloon, or take the Star Ferry again at your leisure to enjoy the scenic views.

Day 15 Hong Kong – London

 Breakfast



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Breakfast at the hotel.
Free time before your transfer to the airport, depending on your flight schedule.
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