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13 Day Conducted *China Highlights Tour*

for only **\$3,460** per person
with no single room supplement
for solo travellers

This price includes airport taxes and levies

This tour is incredible value as the price covers all of the following:

- Air fares from Sydney and Melbourne into Shanghai and out of Beijing with China Eastern Airlines, plus two flights within China.
- A wonderful 12 day tour of China including 4 nights in Beijing, 3 nights in Shanghai, 2 nights in Xian and 1 night each in Hangzhou and Suzhou.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- Nearly all meals.
- All entrance fees, transfers and transport.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Services of Chinese tour guides, a national guide and if there are 12 or more participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



With this tour, single travellers can have a single room without paying a single room supplement.

For passengers from Brisbane, we can arrange connecting flights to Sydney. Please contact our office for prices.

Tour departs Australia 13th October and returns 25th October 2018

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for China Highlights Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

13.10.18 Australia – Shanghai

Sydney passengers depart at 11.00am on flight MU 562, arriving in Shanghai at 7.20pm. Melbourne passengers depart at 11.00am on flight MU 738, arriving in Shanghai at 7.20pm.

On arrival all passengers are met and transferred to our Shanghai hotel for a two night stay.

Accommodation: Shanghai Wujiaochang Ramada Hotel or similar

14.10.18 Shanghai

(B/L/D)

This morning there is an opportunity to stroll along Nanjing Road and the Bund waterfront area, which is a sweeping area along the Huangpu River. This area is now the symbol of modern China and the best place to capture the western influence of the old days. Afterwards we visit beautiful Yuyuan Garden and the Old City God's Temple. This evening we enjoy a Pujiang Cruise. Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Shanghai Wujiaochang Ramada Hotel or similar

15.10.18 Shanghai - Suzhou

(B/L/D)

Today we drive from Shanghai to Suzhou, which is known as "Venice of the East" and built around a grand canal. The city's many excellent classical gardens have entitled Suzhou the "Garden City". Our sightseeing today includes the Tiger Hill and Garden of the Master of the Nets. Tiger Hill, known also as Surging Sea Hill, is a large hillock covering over 3 acres and is 36 metres high. Climbing it, we will find a number of historical sites, some of which can be traced back over 2,500 years to the founding of Suzhou. Although the hill is relatively small it has a rich history. The Garden of the Master of the Nets is the smallest of the Suzhou residential gardens, yet it is the most impressive because of its use of space. Afterwards we visit a silk factory where we enjoy a silk fashion show. Our accommodation this evening is in Suzhou. Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Holiday Inn Youlian or similar

16.10.18 Suzhou – Wuzhen – Hangzhou

(B/L/D)

Today we depart Suzhou for Hangzhou. On the way we pass through Wuzhen, which is a quiet water town with 1300 years of history. We have an overnight stay in Hangzhou, which is a city with a rich history and culture and was described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world". Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Sanli New Century Hotel or similar

17.10.18 Hangzhou - Shanghai

(B/L/D)

This morning we take a boat cruise on magnificent West Lake, which is the symbol of the city. We will see many interesting sites and also visit the Yellow Dragon Cave and taste the well known Dragon Well Tea at a tea plantation. Afterwards we travel to Shanghai for an overnight stay. This evening we will attend a fabulous acrobatic show. Lunch and dinner today are included.

Accommodation: Shanghai Wujiaochang Ramada Hotel or similar

18.10.18 Shanghai - Xian**(B/L)**

After breakfast we will visit Xintiandi, a renovated and popular area in Shanghai full of dynamic bars, fancy restaurants and fashion shops. In this area we will pass many shikumen, which are the traditional houses of the Chinese people. We then have an inside visit to the Oriental Pearl Tower (2nd floor). Later we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Xian. Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the hotel.

Xian was the first Chinese city to open its doors to the ancient world during the Tang Dynasty as the first stop on the Silk Road. The city was the capital for eleven dynasties spanning a period of 2000 years. Along with Rome and Constantinople this city was a world leader in culture and trade and played a vital role in bridging the gap between east and west. Lunch today is included.

Accommodation: Golden Flower Hotel or similar

19.10.18 Xian**(B/L/D)**

We begin our day with a visit to the Porcelain Terracotta Warriors Factory to see how the locals make the porcelain terracotta figures. These figures are still made using the same methods as that of generations past. We next visit the incredible Terracotta Warriors, which is the tomb of Emperor Qin Shi Huang guarded by the famous Terracotta Army. It consists of 7000 life-size clay statues each individually crafted, complete with chariots and horses. We also visit Banpo Museum which has the remains of a 6000 year old Neolithic village. This evening we enjoy a Tang Dynasty singing and dancing show with dinner.

Accommodation: Golden Flower Hotel or similar

20.10.18 Xian – Beijing**(B/L/D)**

This morning we visit the ancient city wall, which is the most complete city wall that has survived in China and also one of the largest and most complete ancient military defence systems in the world. Then we tour to the Large Wild Goose Pagoda which is the symbol of the city and is said to have been built to house and protect Buddhist scriptures collected by the Chinese monk, Xuan Zang, the key figure in Journey to the West. In the afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flight to Beijing. This evening enjoy an included Peking Duck dinner.

Accommodation: Beijing Ritan Hotel or similar

21.10.18 Beijing**(B/L)**

Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties for over 800 years, with each emperor identified as a dragon sent from heaven. This morning we start our city tour with a visit to Tiananmen Square, the largest public square in the world. Our next stop is a visit to the Forbidden City. This complex is the largest and most intact collection of ancient structures of the Imperial Palace ever built. It features more than 800 buildings with 9999 rooms, resplendent golden-glazed roofs, red lacquered pillars and vermilion walls. The remainder of the day is at leisure.

Accommodation: Beijing Ritan Hotel or similar

22.10.18 Beijing**(B/L)**

The highlight today is a trip to the astonishing Great Wall at Juyongguan Path. The Great Wall is the most famous image of China and is known throughout the world. It is one of the Eight Wonders of the World and a symbol of Chinese traditional culture and the pride

of the Chinese nation. Later we visit the Sacred Path of Ming Tombs. 13 of the 16 Ming emperors have their tombs here. This is an attractive destination as much for the natural scenery of the area as for the tombs themselves. Also visit the Cloisonne factory and the biggest Jade exhibition centre in Asia. This is followed by a tricycle tour to the historic hutongs and alleys of Beijing old town, where we can take in the sights and sounds of Beijing's past.

Accommodation: Beijing Ritan Hotel or similar

23.10.18 Beijing

(B/L/D)

After breakfast we visit the Summer Palace, which is a World Heritage Site and a masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. Afterwards we visit the Beijing Olympic site, including the Birds Nest and the Water Cube. We will also visit a pearl store for a chance to buy some souvenirs. Afterwards we are returned to the hotel.

This evening enjoy an exciting Kung Fu show and an included dinner.

Accommodation: Beijing Ritan Hotel or similar

24.10.18 Beijing - Australia

(B)

This morning is at leisure in Beijing, before being transferred to the airport for our flights home.

Melbourne passengers depart Beijing at 2.05pm on MU 271, arriving in Shanghai at 4.10pm. Melbourne passengers then depart Shanghai at 8.05pm on MU 737, arriving in Melbourne at 9.00am the next morning (25.10.18).

Sydney passengers depart Beijing at 3.50pm on MU 727, arriving in Sydney at 9.30am the next morning (25.10.18). Please note that this flight goes via Nanjing, China.

Note:

The tour guides will offer several optional tours to supplement the above mentioned itinerary. The optional tours and prices are usually arranged independently by the tour guides and as such we cannot provide specific examples of what may be offered. If you wish to go on the additional tours we recommend you budget for this accordingly.

Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's China Highlights Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 8 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Airline Tickets - Please note that any changes made to airline tickets once they have been issued will likely incur high cancellation and/or reissue fees. These fees are typically set by the airline and are outside of our control.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. Visas are required for all Australian passport holders to China. Chinese Visa Application Service Centre (CVASC) charge Australian passport holders \$60 visa fee plus application service fee of \$71.50 and we charge \$30 for processing. Different visa fees apply to non Australian passport holders. Please note that visas prices are set by the Chinese Consulate and are subject to change.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and fuel levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in air taxes and fuel levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - Travel insurance and all items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals (except those specified in the itinerary), etc. are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$195 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions, as airfare seasonality may be affected.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. The Health & Fitness Questionnaire located on the last page of this itinerary needs to be completed in full by each passenger and accompany your booking form. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Limitation of Liability - As Macleay Valley Travel acts only as agent for the Airlines, Hotels, Coach Companies etc., providing accommodation, transportation and other services, Macleay Valley Travel shall not be liable or responsible for death or injury to any person or loss or damage to any property including baggage arising out of or connection with any transportation, accommodation or other services, or resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, acts of Government or other authorities, de jure or defacto wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, delays or cancellations caused by changes in schedules or itinerary, or over bookings or defaults or for any causes beyond Macleay Valley Travel's control or any loss or damage resulting from improper or insufficient passports, visas or other documents and neither Macleay Valley Travel, and its servants or employees shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of the foregoing causes. Additionally you must meet the entry requirements for each country you visit. Macleay Valley Travel will not be liable if you are denied entry to a country for any reason, including a past criminal history. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to decline bookings made for any group tour. Any tour booking confirmation is conditional, contingent on our view of the ability of a person to be able to participate in a tour without the likelihood of conflict between members of a tour whether perceived or actual.

Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin beds / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY / MELBOURNE

Any existing medical conditions – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Special Dietary Needs – Passenger 1: _____ Passenger 2: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like to receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person and the health & fitness form.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name. If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.

HEALTH & FITNESS QUESTIONNAIRE

Macleay Valley Travel strives to make our tours enjoyable experiences for all passengers, however some countries and tour services lack the standards that you can typically expect in Australia.

To help ensure your personal safety and enjoyment on tour, please answer the following questions. The information you provide will be treated confidentially and will be used to check that the transportation, accommodation and facilities on tour are suitable for you:

1. Do you have any allergies? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details and severity: _____
2. Can you walk 500 metres to 1km in distance comfortably and unaided? Yes / No
3. Can you negotiate uneven, undulating and sometimes challenging terrain? Yes / No
If no, please provide details about these limitations: _____
4. Do you use a mobility aid? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
5. Are you travelling with a companion or carer who is able to provide all the assistance you need to enter buildings, disembark and embark ships, aircraft, coaches, small boats and assist you on excursions? Yes / No
If yes, please provide the name of your carer/companion and your relationship to them: _____
6. Are you taking any medical equipment to assist you? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
7. Do you suffer from any condition which may cause you to experience memory loss or become disoriented? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details: _____
8. Are you asthmatic or do you have other breathing difficulties? Yes / No
If yes, please provide details (travelling to high altitudes is not recommended): _____
9. Do you require supplementary oxygen? Yes / No
10. Are you currently taking medication? Yes / No
If yes, are you able to administer your own medication? Yes / No
11. If you have any other medical information that is not covered in the previous questions, please provide a description here: _____

The information you supply us will be passed onto relevant travel suppliers who will do their best accommodate you. However, it is very important to remember that meeting your needs cannot be guaranteed, especially when travelling to third world countries.

DISCLAIMER

I confirm that the information provided on this questionnaire is both true and correct and I understand that there is no guarantee that all these needs will or can be met. I agree that Macleay Valley Travel may offer a recommendation with regard to fitness to travel, based on the information I have provided. I also understand that this information may be passed onto those responsible for supplying the land arrangements for my travel, and that my information will not be communicated to any party which is not directly responsible or otherwise associated with my travel arrangements. I further confirm and agree that should I choose not to disclose information which subsequently requires me to return or be returned home from a tour or cruise, Macleay Valley Travel is not responsible for any costs associated with cancellation penalties, airfares, land transportation or any other related hardship. Please note that a refund for lost touring cannot be claimed. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to update the information I provided to Macleay Valley Travel immediately should my circumstances change.

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