

ENCOUNTER WITH PANDAS

Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu

Tour Type: Private tour

8
DAYS

Tour Highlights:

- Beijing: Experience the Great Wall
- Beijing: Taste Beijing Duck banquet
- Xi'an: Explore Terracotta Warriors
- Chengdu: Encounter with giant pandas



DAY 01 Arrival Beijing (No meal)

Arrive in Beijing, the dynamic capital of the People's Republic of China. Once the imperial city of Mongol, Ming and Manchu emperors, Beijing today is still extraordinarily rich in historical sites and cultural relics. Meet your CTS guide and transfer to your hotel.

DAY 02 Beijing (B/L/D)

Tour the Tian'anmen Square, the biggest public square in the world. You will also be able to have a photo stop at The National Centre for the Performing Arts, formerly known as the National Grand Theatre, and colloquially described as The Egg. Afterwards, visit to Forbidden City, the vast complex of palaces, which was home to successive Emperors for more than 500 years. Included is admission to the living quarters, museum and jewelry sections. Later visit the pearl store. In the afternoon, visit the Temple of Heaven, the 500 year old Temple houses altars on which sacrifices and offerings were laid to the gods in a glorious setting of gardens, tress and sculptures. Tonight you will experience the famous Beijing Duck banquet for your welcome dinner.

DAY 03 Beijing (B/L)

Morning tour to the Great Wall at Badaling section, stretching almost 4,000 miles from the Pacific Ocean to the sands of Central Asia and befittingly crowned one of the ten wonders of the world. Along the way, you will stopover at a jade carving factory where you can watch artisans at work. Transfer back to Beijing and proceed to Wangfujing street, the most popular shopping centre for clothing and snack food. Evening at leisure.

DAY 04 Beijing/Xi'an (B/D)

Morning transfer to the train station for high speed train to Xi'an (lunch could be purchased on board). Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Enjoy your evening at own arrangement.

DAY 05 Xi'an (B/L)

Morning tour to the greatest archaeological discovery of the century, more than 2,000 year-old Terracotta Warriors interred with the Emperor Qin Shi Huang. The Terracotta Warriors was an underground army built to protect the First Qin Emperor after his death. The funerary pits with a large number of life-size terracotta

warriors and horses with different shapes and faces are marvelous. It is amazing to see something of high artistic value from more than 2000 years ago. Later, we visit Xi'an Art Ceramic and Lacquer Ware Factory, which focus on the reproductions of terra-cotta warriors and horses and lacquer ware products. In the afternoon, we walk through the lively Muslim Quarter and market, visit to the Great Mosque, a best-preserved Islamic mosque in China and focus for the 30,000 Chinese Muslims of Xi'an.

DAY 06 Xi'an Chengdu (B/L)

In the morning, visit the 600-year-old ancient city wall. Walking along Xi'an City Wall provides a good view of the city. You can also rent a bike to cycle around the wall (on your own expense). Continue to explore ancient history at Shaanxi History Museum. After lunch, transfer to take high speed train to Chengdu. Upon arrival Chengdu, transfer back to hotel. Enjoy your evening free.

DAY 07 Chengdu (B/L)

Highlight today is the renowned Panda Breeding and Research Centre in Chengdu. The giant pandas are not only a Chinese national treasure but are also beloved by people the world over. Therefore, when visitors from home and abroad come to Chengdu, one of their main objectives will be to see the giant pandas for themselves. Next to the tea house in People's park, to fully enjoy the leisure and cozy life style there, with people sitting together for drinking tea, playing cards or mah-jong. Afterwards, you will visit the ancient Jinli Street in Chengdu, which was one of the busiest commercial boulevards of the Kingdom of Shu in ancient time. Then you will visit one of the hottest tourist destinations in Chengdu---Broad and Narrow Alley. Being in the list of Chengdu Historical and Cultural Protection Project, it is composed of broad alley, narrow alley and across alleys, among which, there are a lot of traditional courtyards. After dinner, you can choose to appreciate the face-changing show for an optional activity (on your own expense).

DAY 08 Chengdu (B)

Free to explore Chengdu at your own pace or shop until you drop before your transfer to the airport.



Price per person is from

Number of traveller	Twin share
2	\$2,565

*Price does not apply at Chinese Public Holidays, local important festivals & trade fair.

Inclusions

- Beijing-Shanghai-Chengdu high speed train, second class seat
- 7 nights 4* hotel accommodation
- Meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Entrance fees to the scenic spots
- English-speaking tour guide
- All transfers and transportation in private vehicles

Remark: Gratuities to tour guide and driver (CNY50-80 per person per day suggested).