

# 09 NIGHTS | 10 DAYS

# CHINESE CHECKERS

## Day 1: Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, on arrival, meet and transfer to hotel for check in. In the afternoon, you will visit **Tiananmen Square**, the world's largest public square and overview the communist influences. Later walk to the **Forbidden City**, also known as the Imperial Palace Museum. With over 180 acres and a collection of great halls, you will see antiques and treasures representing all of China's history.

## Day 2: Beijing (Breakfast, Lunch)

In the morning, you will visit the **Olympic stadiums** ("Bird's nest" and "Water cube") and take photos from outside. Later visit the **Great Wall and discover the Ming Tombs**.

## Day 3: Beijing → Xian (Breakfast, Lunch)

Transfer to the airport for flight to Xian. In Xian you will visit the **Xian City Wall**. It is not only the most complete city wall that has survived in China but also one of the largest ancient military defense systems in the world. You can choose to either walk or bike the walls, especially when the weather is nice, allowing you to enjoy Xian from a different perspective.

## Day 4: Xian (Breakfast, Lunch)

Visit the **Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum**, where no two soldiers are alike, from the kneeling archer, to the standing archer, a cavalryman and a horse, a mid-ranking officer and a general. In the afternoon, visit the **Great Mosque**, one of the oldest, largest and best-preserved Islamic mosques in China, worth seeing for its mixed architecture, both traditional Chinese and Muslim styles. In the evening, visit the **Beiyuan Men Islamic street**, lined with Islamic shops, restaurants and street vendors. This is a great place to stroll in, enjoy an authentic meal, shop and get a taste of traditional Muslim culture.

## Day 5: Xian → Guilin (Breakfast, Lunch)

Transfer to airport for flight to Guilin. On arrival, meet and transfer to hotel for check in. Later visit the **Elephant Trunk Hill**, regarded as the symbol of Guilin.

## Day 6: Guilin (Breakfast, Lunch)

In the morning, visit the **Reed Flute Cave**, located five kilometers northwest of downtown Guilin. This extraordinary cave features fantastic stalactite and stalagmite formations that are artfully illuminated by beautiful multicolored rock-concert lights. In the afternoon, visit the **Mt. Yao** by cable car, the highest mountain in the city.

## Day 7: Guilin-Yangshuo (Breakfast, Lunch)

You will cruise the breathtaking **Li River** that meanders through valleys, bamboo groves and mysterious rock formations, passing along some of Southern China's most beautiful scenery. At the end of the cruise, you will reach the famous local town called **Yangshuo**, so well-known in China that it even enjoys more fame than the city of Guilin. You will go for a stroll in West Street (Xi Jie), brilliantly lit and explore the countryside. Stay overnight in Yangshuo.

## Day 8: Yangshuo-Guilin → Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch)

Transfer back to Guilin. Transfer to the airport for flight to Shanghai. In the afternoon, visit the Shanghai **Oriental Pearl Tower**. It is the tallest in Asia and the 3rd tallest in the world. In the evening visit the relax in **Xintiandi**, a complex that combines history, culture, tourism, food and beverage, business, entertainment and residences.

## Day 9: Shanghai (Breakfast, Lunch)

In the morning, visit the **Jade Buddha Temple**, one of the main touristic highlights in Shanghai and one of Shanghai's few active Buddhist monasteries still remaining. Then, tour the **Yuyuan Garden**, a classical, peaceful and comfortable garden in the heart of bustling Shanghai. In the afternoon, tour **People's Square** and then visit the **Shanghai Museum**.

## Day 10: Shanghai (Breakfast)

Transfer to airport and departure.



## HOTELS

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<b>BEIJING</b>	Holiday Inn Express Beijing Temple of Heaven	Beijing Super House International Hotel	Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Beijing
<b>XIAN</b>	Newhanderson Hotel Xi'an	Aurum International	Shangri-La Golden Flower
<b>GUILIN</b>	Guilin Fubo Hotel	Guilin Plaza hotel	Sheraton Guilin Hotel
<b>YANGSHUO</b>	Yangshuo Regency Holiday	New Century Hotel	Paradise Resort
<b>SHANGHAI</b>	Express by Holiday Inn Putuo Shanghai	Grand Mercure Baolong Hotel Shanghai	Shanghai Huating Hotel

## TOUR COST

STAR	PER PERSON ON TWIN SHARING BASIS
3	BHD 594
4	BHD 629
5	BHD 810

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation in any of the above mentioned Hotels or similar
- Economy class domestic airfares from Beijing to Xian, Xian to Guilin, Guilin to Shanghai
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All tours as specified in the itinerary with an English speaking guide
- All Transfers / tours by Air-conditioned vehicle.

## PRICE EXCLUDES

- International Airfare
- Any items of personal nature like laundry charges, telephone bills, drinks, etc.
- Any items not mentioned under the **Includes** header.

The itinerary is subject to change based on various factors beyond our control. Hotel/flight reservations are subject to availability at the time of booking. We reserve the right to re-quote based on alternate accommodation/ carrier if rooms/ flights are unavailable when requested.

**VALID Till 30 August 2009**