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12 Day Conducted

China Highlights Tour

for only **$4,975** per person

with no single room supplement for solo travellers

Price includes airport taxes and levies

This tour is great value as it includes:

- Air fares from Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane into Beijing and out of Shanghai with Singapore Airlines.
- A wonderful 11 day tour of China including 3 nights in Beijing, 2 nights in Xian, Suzhou & Shanghai and 1 night in Hangzhou.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- Most meals.
- All entrance fees, transfers and transport, including two high speed train trips.
- Prepaid gratuities to the main tour guides and drivers.
- Services of Chinese tour guides, a national guide and if there are 15 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.

This exclusive Macleay Valley Travel tour is limited to a maximum of about 25 passengers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience the most famous sites of China, including the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Terra Cotta Warriors and The Bund

Tour departs Australia 20th May and returns 31st May 2027

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

20.05.27 **Australia – Singapore - Beijing**
Depart Sydney at 7.25am on SQ 212, arriving in Singapore at 1.50pm.
Depart Brisbane at 9.20am on SQ 256, arriving in Singapore at 3.25pm.
Depart Melbourne at 9.15am on SQ 238, arriving in Singapore at 3.15pm.
All passengers depart Singapore at 4.40pm on SQ 806, arriving in Beijing at 11.00pm.
Upon arrival in Beijing we are met and transferred to the hotel for a three night stay.
Accommodation: Beijing New World Centre Tongpai or similar

21.05.27 **Beijing**
(B/L/D) This morning is at leisure to recover from our evening flight arrival.
Lunch today is at a local restaurant, followed by an afternoon 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 vermillion walls.
Afterwards we will have a walking tour in one of the Hutong neighbourhoods. Hutongs are narrow laneways connecting historic neighbourhoods in northern China.
This evening we enjoy the Acrobatic Show at Chaoyang Theatre, one of China's leading performing arts, followed by an included dinner.
Accommodation: Beijing New World Centre Tongpai or similar

22.05.27 **Beijing**
(B/L/D) After breakfast we are transferred to visit the Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China. This is one of the best preserved sections of the wall, and was first built in the 6th century. The visit includes a round-trip cable car ride and some free time to experience this outstanding achievement. Afterwards we are transferred back to Beijing.
Lunch today is included. This evening we enjoy a Peking Duck dinner.
Accommodation: Beijing New World Centre Tongpai or similar

23.05.27 **Beijing - Xian**
(B/L/D) This morning we check out of the hotel and visit the Temple of Heaven which was constructed from 1406 to 1420. This UNESCO World Heritage Site covers 2.7 square kilometres of parkland. Around midday we are transferred to the railway station to take the high speed train to Xian (Second Class).
Upon arrival in Xian we are transferred to the hotel for a two night stay.
Xian is one of the oldest cities in China and is the starting point for the ancient Silk Road. This evening we have an included dinner at the hotel.
Accommodation: Delta Hotels by Marriott Xian or similar

24.05.27 **Xian**
(B/L/D) Xian is one of the oldest cities in China and is the starting point for the ancient Silk Road. Today we visit the famous Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum. Afterwards we drive back to the downtown area to visit the Big Wild Goose Pagoda Park, passing

the Bell Tower and Drum Tower, and also visit the Muslim Quarter. Tonight we enjoy an included dumpling dinner before being transferred back to the hotel.
Accommodation: Delta Hotels by Marriott Xian or similar

25.05.27 **Xian - Suzhou**

(B) This morning we are collected from the hotel and transferred to the railway station to take the high speed train to Suzhou (Second Class).
Upon arrival we are met and transferred to the hotel for a two night stay.
Accommodation: Even Hotel Suzhou Grand Canal by IHG or similar

26.05.27 **Suzhou**

(B/L/D) Suzhou is known as "Venice of the East" and was built around a grand canal. The city's many excellent classical gardens have entitled Suzhou the "Garden City". Our sightseeing today includes Tiger Hill and Garden of the Master of the Nets, as well as Suzhou Museum. Tiger Hill, also known 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. The Suzhou Museum houses ancient Chinese art, paintings, calligraphy and handmade crafts. Lunch and dinner today are included.
Accommodation: Even Hotel Suzhou Grand Canal by IHG or similar

27.05.27 **Suzhou – Wuzhen – Hangzhou**

(B/L/D) Today we depart Suzhou for Hangzhou. On the way we pass through Wuzhen, which is a water town with 1300 years of history. In Wuzhen we will experience a short cruise to take in this scenic town.
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 at local restaurants.
Accommodation: Even Hotel Hangzhou Yintai City or similar

28.05.27 **Hangzhou - Shanghai**

(B/L/D) This morning we take a boat cruise on magnificent West Lake, which is the symbol of the city. We visit the Grand Canal Museum and Gongcheng Bridge and taste the well known Dragon Well Tea at a tea plantation. Afterwards we travel to Shanghai for a two night stay. Lunch and dinner today are included. Dinner this evening will be in Chinese round table style at the hotel.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Shanghai Jing'an or similar

29.05.27 **Shanghai**

(B/L/D) After breakfast we begin our sightseeing tour of Shanghai. We walk along the famous Bund area. We also visit the Pudong area, including an inside visit to the Oriental Pearl Tower (2nd floor). Afterwards we visit Tianzfiang Old Quarter, a centre of modern arts and the former French Concession, an area of Shanghai once designated for the French. Lunch today is included. This evening we enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Shanghai Jing'an or similar

30.05.27 **Shanghai - Singapore**

(B/L) This morning is at leisure. We check out of the hotel and have an included lunch at a local restaurant. Afterwards we transfer to Shanghai Airport for our flights home.
All passengers depart Shanghai at 4.50pm on SQ 833, arriving in Singapore at 10.20pm.

31.05.27 **Singapore - Australia**

Sydney passengers depart Singapore at 00.45am on SQ 231, arriving in Sydney at 10.25am.
Brisbane passengers depart Singapore at 00.45am on SQ 255, arriving in Brisbane at 10.20am.
Melbourne passengers depart Singapore at 01.45am on SQ 237, arriving in Melbourne at 11.00am.

Tour Difficulty Ratings & Advice

To ensure that you select the right tour for you, Macleay Valley Travel has provided a clear set of tour difficulty and fitness recommendations for our tours. The ratings, from 1, being the easiest, to 5 the most strenuous, will give you a good idea of what is reasonably required for you to be able to participate on each tour.

1	2	3	4	5

Tour Difficulty Level 4

This tour rating typically involves an above average level of physical activity, such as ascending stairs, getting into a bathtub shower, being responsible for your own luggage at airports and hotels, boarding trains quickly, walking distances of up to 2 kilometres at a time over possible uneven ground and/or cobblestone streets and sometimes being capable of doing this with your luggage. Walking tours of considerable distances should be expected on this tour as well as early departures. Unfortunately this tour rating is not recommended for individuals who cannot walk unaided.

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. Macleay Valley Travel often has to adhere to strict payment deadlines and your booking on the tour may be cancelled if final payment is not received by the due date, with no refund applicable.
Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline. Any refund for a cancelled booking will not be paid until the airline(s) provide the refund to us.
Insurance - Adequate travel insurance that includes medical coverage for Covid-19 is required. We do not currently provide insurance. Please contact your preferred travel insurance provider. The responsibility to obtain adequate travel insurance rests with the passenger. Proof of your travel insurance is required to be presented to us on or before the final payment date of the tour.
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.
Passports - All travellers require a passport with at least 6 months validity at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. No visas are required for this tour if travelling on an Australian passport.
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), covid-19 tests etc are not included in the cost. Similarly, credit card payments (Visa/MasterCard) can only be accepted if 1.2% is added to the price to help cover merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 2% surcharge for American Express.
Breakaway - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel. A post tour deviation from the set itinerary may be permitted under certain circumstances. Please contact our office for prices. Pre-tour extensions are usually not permitted.
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. It is strongly recommended that you are fully vaccinated against Covid-19, but this is not mandatory. Passengers must comply with any specific Covid-19 requirements that may be imposed by airlines and/or authorities of the destinations visited.
Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATIA – Australian Travel Industry Association. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices.
Disclosure of fees or commissions received from third parties - Macleay Valley Travel Pty Ltd may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third parties under this contract.
Airline Seating – All seating requests will be passed onto the airline, however please note that Macleay Valley Travel has no direct control over group seating and requests are not guaranteed.
Limitation of Liability concerning Covid-19 - There may be outbreak(s) of Covid-19 during this tour. Whilst we take necessary safety precautions, Macleay Valley Travel cannot be held responsible for any quarantines or other associated costs brought about by quarantines, border closures and/or travel delays. You are aware that Covid-19 is a highly contagious and dangerous disease that may result in significant personal illness and even death. You acknowledge that you are participating in the tour with knowledge of the inherent risks of Covid-19, and you agree to assume all risks.
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, pandemics, endemics, 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:_____Preferred Name:_____

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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 / BRISBANE

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

Optional Extensions:_____

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

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:_____
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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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