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## **China Explorer Tour 10 Days / 9 Nights WOW 2**

### **Itinerary**

#### **Xian, China**

##### **Day 1 Arrive in Xian**

Upon arrival in Xian, you will meet an English-speaking guide and go to Tang Paradise Hotel for 5 nights stay.  
Free at leisure for the remaining day.

##### **Day 2 Forest of Stone Steles Museum & Xian Museum [B, L, D]**

Explore ancient calligraphy of China's most famous scholars at the Forest of Stone Steles Museum. Take an introductory course on Chinese calligraphy and etching.  
After lunch, visit Xian Museum and examine ancient artifacts.

##### **Day 3 Shaanxi History Museum [B, L]**

Learn about Chinese history, particularly on the Qin, Han and Tang Dynasty.  
In the afternoon, visit Shaanxi History Museum and marvel at the national treasures of the ancient Chinese.

##### **Day 4 Terracotta Museum & Shaanxi Archaeological Research Institute [B, L, D]**

Explore the Terracotta Museum and see the buried treasures that took 38 years to complete.  
Private tour at the Shaanxi Archaeological Research Institute.

##### **Day 5 Cuihua Mount National Geological Park & Fan Zhou Chinese Painting Museum [B, L]**

Travel to Cuihua Mount National Geological Park for mountain climbing.  
Learn Chinese painting at the Fan Zhou Chinese Painting Museum.

## Beijing, China

### **Day 6 Hanyangling Museum & arrive in Beijing [B]**

In the morning, visit Hanyangling Museum where you will explore the cultural relics from the tombs of Emperor Liu Qi and his empress, Empress Wang.

Fly to Beijing in the afternoon and transfer to Haoyuan Hotel for 4 nights stay.

### **Day 7 Beijing Tour [B, L, D]**

Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Beijing Imperial Palace. VIP tour of Shu Fang Zhai.

Enjoy a stroll at the Temple of Heaven.

### **Day 8 Hutong & The Great Wall [B, L]**

Visit Hutong, traditional courtyard homes, and have lunch with a Hutong family. Meet a famous calligrapher in the Hutong area.

In the afternoon, visit the Great Wall which stretches over 3,700 miles.

### **Day 9 National Museum of China [B, L, D]**

Learn about Chinese history, particularly on the Yuan, Ming and Qing Dynasty.

In the afternoon, visit the National Museum of China.

### **Day 10 Return to Hong Kong [B]**

Bid farewell to Beijing. Take Cathay Pacific from Beijing to Hong Kong and enjoy a convenient connection back to the U.S.

## **Package Details:**

### **Package price includes:**

#### Hotels:

- Xi'an Tang-paradise Hotel or similar hotel with Superior room for 5 nights, with daily breakfast at hotel
- Beijing Haoyuan hotel with Superior room for 4 nights, with daily breakfast at hotel

Entrance fees to sightseeing as stated in the itinerary

Airport transfers and ground transportation as stated in the itinerary

Meals as stated in the itinerary:

B = Breakfast in hotel

L = Lunch outside of hotel @ designated local restaurant

D = Dinner outside of hotel @ designated local restaurant

Private English speaking tour guide and driver

China domestic airfare (Economy Class)

- Xi'an to Beijing

Inbound and outbound international air (Economy "L" Class) through the Cathay Pacific Package. Routing based on specific package purchased.

### **Package price excludes:**

- Gratuities for the Guides and Drivers
- Incidentals in hotel such as dry cleaning, phone, mini bar
- Any meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- China visa

#### **Note:**

- **Hotels used may be changed prior to tour but will be replaced with similar category of hotels**
- **Price and availability subject to change without notice until deposit is received**
- **For Terms and Conditions, please go to [www.PeregrineTravelGroup.com](http://www.PeregrineTravelGroup.com)**

## **Cities & Tour Details:**

**Xi'an** is a city with incredible history, as well as a prosperous modern city. As the capital city of Shannxi province, it holds a key position in the fertile plain between the highland plateau of the north and the Qinling Mountains to the south. Xi'an has been the capital of eleven dynasties for more than 2000 years. Along with Rome and Constantinople, this city played a vital role in bridging the gap between east and west. There are important sites and relics in this city. The Terracotta Army of Qin Emperor is regarded as the eighth wonder of the world.

As the capital of China, **Beijing** is one of the world's truly imposing cities, with a 3,000-year history and 11 million people. Covering 16,808 square kilometers in area, it is the political, cultural and economic center of the People's Republic of China . Situated in northeast China, Beijing adjoins the Inner Mongolian Highland to the northwest and the Great Northern Plain to the south. Five rivers run through the city, connecting it to the eastern Bohai Sea. Administratively, the Beijing municipality equals the status of a province, reporting directly to the central government. Rich in history, Beijing has been China's primary capital for more than seven centuries. China's imperial past and political present meet at Tiananmen square, where the Forbidden City palace of the emperors gives way to the Great Hall of the People congress building and the mausoleum of Chairman Mao Zedong. The old city walls have been replaced by ring roads, and many of the old residential districts of alleys and courtyard houses have been turned into high-rise hotels, office buildings, and department stores. Beijing, a dynamic city where the old and new intermingle, remains a magnet for visitors from inside and outside China.



### **Forest of Stone Steles Museum**

Once the site of the Temple of Confucius during the Northern Song dynasty (960-1127), the Forest of Stone Steles Museum is being included in UNESCO's list of world heritage site. With 900 years of history, this treasure house holds the world's largest collection of stone steles of different periods, from the Han Dynasty to the Qing Dynasty. Carved on each of these 3,000 steles are original calligraphies of China's most famous scholars.



Each of our VIP clients will be taught by the staffs of the Forrest of Steles how to make an inscription of a preselected Stele

**This is a VIP Venue NOT open to the Public**



## **Xian Museum**

The Xian Museum in the west displays more than 2,000 precious historical relics. In the central axis, there are the White-Clothing Pavilion, the Small Wild Goose Pagoda, the Sutra Depository, the Mahavira Hall (Daxiongbaodian) and the Maitreya Pavilion in the Jianfu Temple. Verdant trees, grass and beautiful flowers can be found throughout the

time-honored building complex. Moreover, beside the museum sits a big circular square and an artificial lake with two stone arch bridges featuring delicate designs.

## **Municipal Institute Archeological Research**



At this Institute, our VIP clients will be offered a **ONCE IN A LIFE TIME EXPERIENCE**. They will have the chance to hold artifacts of thousands of years old and examine them closely while an expert describes the history and significance of each piece.

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## **Shaanxi History Museum**

Shaanxi History Museum Shaanxi Province is the birthplace of the ancient Chinese civilization. Xi'an City was the capital city in thirteen dynasties which in total lasted over 1100 years. The Shaanxi History Museum considers it an obligation to be a showcase of ancient civilizations. It was opened to the public in 1991. Over 700,000 people visit this national treasure each year.

## Tang Dynasty Murals



## Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses of Emperor Qin Shi Huang

The Terracotta warriors and Horses are the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century. Upon ascending the throne at the age of 13 (in 246 BC), Qin Shi Huang, had work begun on his mausoleum. It took 38 years to finish. It is speculated that many buried treasures and sacrificial objects had accompanied the emperor in his after life. It is a sight not to be missed by any visitor to China.

## Shaanxi Provincial Institute of Archeological Research



This is a highly secured government building that is NOT open to the public. VIP clients can enjoy those terracotta warriors inside the research center closely.

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## Cuihua Mount National Geological Park, Xi'an

Located in the north of Qin Mountains in Chang'an county, Shaanxi. Cuihua Mount located 40 km away from Xian City. Scenic attractions include Taiyi Pool, Wind Cave, Ice Cave and Cuihua Temple. Taiyi Pool, surrounded by high and steep mountains, is a lake between hills. Its crystal green water, slightly rolling waves and the reflection of grand mountains all add to the beauties of the scenic spot. Boating on the pool will undoubtedly ensure you an absolute relaxation from daily busy works and make you return to the nature. The Wind Cave, fashioned

by two big granite rocks is situated west of Taiyi Mountain and is 15 meters high and 40 meters deep. Towards the north of Wind Cave, there lays Ice Cave, Even during summer's hard ice can be found in the cave. Temple Fair is held in front of Cuihua temple from June 1-3 in lunar calendar every year. During this period a great number of tourists come to experience the magnificent scene.



## Fan Zhou Chinese Painting Museum

Fan Zhou Chinese Painting Museum of Zhongnanshan artistic creation basement was founded in 2001. Located along the heaven lake of the Cuihua Mountain National Geo Park which is China's magnificent scenery. Having area of 1800 square meters, and consistent by two modern architecture in the north and south. It is a modern art exhibition show venues of art collection and education. The Museum display Mr. Fan Zhou's painting work collections and as well a good place for displaying works of artists from nation and abroad. The Exhibition area is 800 square meters,

the hall is equipped with multi-media presentation area so as to know artist background information with works on displayed, and we have all types of art books on shelves for spectators. There are painting desk, chair, Sharon-space in reception area for the communication of the artists and audience. And the 30 meters wide transparent window of the art creation exhibition hall make the whole landscape both within and outside seems harmonious.

## Han Yang Ling



museum in China.

The Mausoleum of the Western Han Emperor, Liu Qi, is located at Zhangjiawan Village, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) north of Xian City, Shaanxi Province. It is a joint tomb of Liu Qi, a notable emperor of the Western Han Dynasty (206 BC-220AD), and his empress, Empress Wang. It was built in the year 153 AD and covers an area of 20 square kilometers (4,942 acres). It is a magnificent and abundant cultural relic, comprising the emperor's tomb, empress' tomb, the south and north burial pits, ceremonial site, human sacrifice graveyard and criminals' cemetery. The mausoleum is neatly arranged, centered with the emperor's tomb, revealing the strict hierarchical social structure. The Outside Pits Exhibition Hall was opened in 2006 and is the first underground



## Tiananmen Square

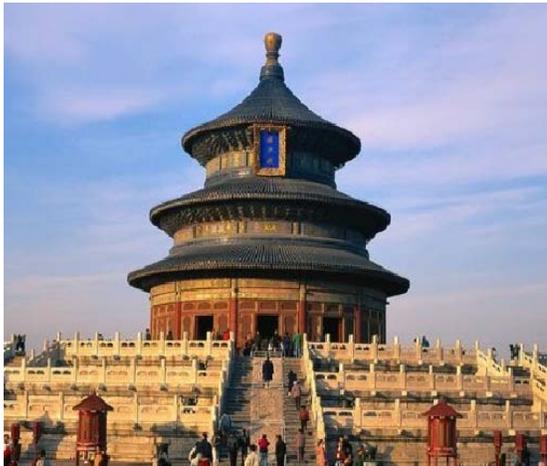
Tiananmen Square is the largest downtown square in the world. It covers an area of 44 hectares, big enough to hold one million people. Here is the most sacred place for Chinese people. Beijing is the heart of China, and Tiananmen Square is the heart of Beijing.

## Forbidden City



Forbidden City was the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties, which is the largest palace complex in the world. It surrounded by 10-meter high walls and a 52-meter wide moat. It covers 74 hectares and has 9,999 rooms. In the Forbidden City, you can get more knowledge about the eastern architecture, splendid painted and beautiful craftwork.

## Temple of Heaven



Temple of Heaven was built in 1,420 in the Ming Dynasty, which is the most holy of all Beijing's imperial temples. This is where the Emperor came every winter solstice to worship heaven and to solemnly pray for a good harvest. True to the Chinese saying, "Round Heaven, Square Earth," the park is in a square shape and the temple in a round shape which symbolizes that the emperor had to leave the Earth (represented by the square) for Heaven (represented by the round-roofed building).



## Shu Fang Zhai

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Shu Fang Zhai Palace is close to Chonghua Palace. Constructed from the basis of a former prince residence, the Lodge consists of a courtyard and an "I" shaped building. It is characterized by two stages. The large one is located in the courtyard and is the largest one-story stage in the Imperial Palace. The small one is in the west of the rear hall of the building and was mainly used to perform highlights of operas during imperial family banquets. All the furniture inside Shu Fang Zhai is original relics from the Qing Dynasty. Shu Fang Zhai was also used as the study by the most famous emperor of Qing Dynasty, Emperor Qianlong.

Around the New Year's Day, the emperor would accept congratulations from officials and invite them to the large stage to watch operas. From the first to the tenth day of the first lunar month during the Qianlong period (1736-1795), the emperor would choose an auspicious day to treat a small group of officials here with the tea of three purities, which include fingered citron, plum blossoms, and line nuts.

Since 1925, the very year when the Palace Museum (Forbidden City Museum) was established, Shu Fang Zhai was used as the VIP reception chamber for heads of states and dignitaries.



### **Hutong Tour**

Hutong is an ancient city alley or lane typical in Beijing. Surrounding the Forbidden City, many were built during the Yuan, Ming, and Qing dynasties. Hutong is composed by Siheyuan which the traditional residence of Beijingers, each consisting of a rectangular courtyard surrounded by one-storied tile-roofed houses, usually one to six meters wide.

By visiting Hutong, it is a good way to see how traditional residents live and a kind of life style that keep several hundreds. Visit local family who live in Hutong and talk with them to know how they live. Taste the real Chinese family dishes in courtyard.



### **Visit famous local family.**

A calligrapher and lives in Hutong during his whole life. His house is 300 years old. He knows much more about Hutong area.



### **Local family**

Be one day Beijing local residence, experience the local life in the family for a while or just learn to cook in local flavor.



### **The Great Wall**

The Great Wall is perhaps China's most famous and most mythologized site. Several sections are conveniently visited from Beijing, including at Badaling, the most popular site, about 70 km (43 mi.) northwest of Beijing and at Mutianyu, 90 km (56 mi.) northeast of Beijing. These impressive brick and earth structures date from the Ming dynasty, when the wall was fortified against Mongol forces to the north. The Ming wall is about 26 feet tall and 23 feet wide at the base, and could accommodate up to six horsemen riding abreast. Watch towers, built on high points every 200-300 meters or so with small garrison forces, used fire signals or fireworks as a means

of communication. These stretches of the wall are part of a system that extends from the Shanhaiguan fortress on the Bohai Gulf in the east to the Jiayuguan fortress in the west, altogether some 6000 km (3700 mi).

## **Tang Paradise Hotel, Xi'an**

No.1 Furong Road, Xian, China



Sweet-smelling forest garden hotel lie in Datang lotus garden east wing , located in the lotus lakeside, one imitative Tang type imperial family ultra five-star fine works hotel. Hotel as characteristic , from Tang wind building of musical sound Tang , decorate with culture Tang to imitative type Tang, reach China traditional imitative Tang of quintessense of culture resist dinner , reflect royal honour identity and grade of noble invariably and then.It is a super 5-star hotel with unique royal garden characteristics. Inheriting the traditional culture of the

Tang Dynasty, the staff of Tang Dynasty Hotel offers their guests high-quality service and gives them a royal experience.

The hotel has 61 rooms

### Photo Gallery



### Hotel Amenities

Business Center Laundry Parking  
Currency Exchange Sauna Meeting Rooms  
Wheelchair accessible Health Club  
Restaurants in hotel Chess Room  
Room service Domestic Direct-dial phone  
Coffee Shop Karaoke  
Massage Air conditioning  
International Direct-dial phone

## Hotel Description

**Guest Rooms:** Tang Paradise Hotel owns 61 deluxe Tang Dynasty guest rooms and high level facilities. All rooms are equipped with modern amenities such as air conditioning, IDD, DDD, cable TV and Internet access.

**Location:** Tang Paradise Hotel, affiliated with Tang Paradise, is located in the south of Xian city. It lies at the side of the beautiful Furong Lake. It is about 15kms from the city centre, 30kms from the railway station and about 50kms from the airport.

**Restaurant:** The hotel provide delicious and tasteful food and local snacks to clients, which makes the clients feel really enjoyable in the hotel.

## Beijing Haoyuan Hotel

No.53 Shijia Hotong of Dongcheng District, Beijing, China



Haoyuan Hotel is located in No.53 Shijia Hotong of Dongcheng District, Beijing, which falls within the downtown area of Beijing. Its origin dates back to the latter Qing Dynasty and is a typical quadrangle compound with two separates courtyards in the front and back respectively. The outer courtyard is comprised of the north suite and wing-rooms on the east and west.

The corridor and back buildings around the main suite displays the host's senior status and dimity. A stay in Haoyuan Hotel will bring you in-depth experience of appreciating the beauty of oriental classical buildings and provide unparalleled enjoyment.

## Photo Gallery



### Hotel Amenities

Laundry Service	24 hours hot water
English Reception	Telephone/Fax Facilities
Car/Bike Service	Luggage Storage
Airport Pick Up	

## Hotel Description

**Guest Rooms:** The suites are located in the inner courtyard: They are the best, most luxurious and largest suites available. The Chinese-style furniture and graceful decoration match each other in harmony. Made of rosewood, the furniture features carved dragons and phoenix. The guestrooms in the East wing: Here you will find a framed wooden bed, carved with the picture "8 gods and goddess across the sea" (an ancient Chinese fairy tale) and a long bed-like seat (for sitting or laying during your stay) carved with plum, orchid, bamboo and chrysanthemum.

**Location:** The Beijing Haoyuan Hotel is located near Dongdan Street and Wangfujing Street, about 10-minutes from the Forbidden City and the famous Wangfujing shopping district. The No. 111 bus, No. 108 bus, No. 116 bus and No. 807 bus stop are located nearby.

**Restaurant:** The Chinese and Western restaurants both enjoy their special features and make a perfect pair like two pearls joined together.

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