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TOURS



Undiscovered China Convention Tour

12 DAYS
March 20–31, 2021

Head off the beaten path as you explore this Far East nation.

The influence of China's ancient, powerful dynasties is still present today. When you join other Group Coordinators and Go Ahead Tours staff on this journey, you'll discover how long-standing traditions thrive in rural provinces and architectural wonders stand amidst the hustle and bustle of big city life. Taking part in a Bai tea ceremony will introduce you to China's rich history. Marveling at the scenery in Tiger Leaping Gorge will open your eyes to a new side of this age-old country.

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YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES

10 nights in handpicked hotels
10 breakfasts
8 lunches
7 dinners
1 cooking class
Guided sightseeing tours
Expert Tour Director & local guides
Private deluxe motor coach
2 on-tour flights

INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS

Jade Buddha Temple, Yuyuan Garden, Convention Tour meeting, Bai tea ceremony, Black Dragon Pool, Dabaoji Palace, Tiger Leaping Gorge, Ganden Sumtseling Monastery, Chengdu Panda Base

TOUR PACE

On this guided tour, you'll walk for at least 2.5 hours daily across moderately uneven terrain, including paved roads and unpaved trails, with some hills and stairs.

Itinerary

Overnight flight | 1 NIGHT

Day 1 (Saturday, March 20): Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Shanghai today.

Shanghai | 3 NIGHTS

Day 2 (Sunday, March 21): Arrival in Shanghai

Welcome to China! Settle in to your hotel this evening.

Day 3 (Monday, March 22): Sightseeing tour of Shanghai

Included meals: breakfast, welcome lunch

Meet up with a local guide to learn about Shanghai's culture on today's tour.

- Enter the Jade Buddha Temple to see the white jade statues of sitting Buddha and reclining Buddha
- Visit a silk factory to learn how the fabric is produced
- Sit down to enjoy a family-style welcome lunch
- Stroll through the Yuyuan Garden, the "Garden of Happiness"
- Enjoy free time to shop at the Yuyuan Bazaar before taking part in a traditional Chinese tea ceremony
- Walk along the Bund, Shanghai's historic waterfront promenade

Day 4 (Tuesday, March 23): Convention Tour meeting & acrobatic show

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Head to the EF Shanghai office for a Convention Tour meeting, a series of presentations and discussions designed with Group Coordinators' questions, experiences, and interests in mind.

- Begin with a keynote address by senior members of Go Ahead Tours staff, followed by an insider's view of the company and tours
- Discuss tour planning and recruiting best practices with Go Ahead Tours staff and your fellow Group Coordinators
- Get an overview of the many benefits available to you as a Go Ahead Tours Group Coordinator and learn about new program updates
- Enjoy coffee, tea, and an included lunch

Sit down for an included family-style dinner this evening. Then, attend a gravity-defying acrobatic show.

Lijiang | 3 NIGHTS

Day 5 (Wednesday, March 24): Flight to Lijiang & sightseeing tour

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Fly to Lijiang, a city in southwestern China.

Then, enjoy an included lunch before joining your Tour Director on a walk through the UNESCO-listed Old Town of Lijiang.

- Stroll past beautiful canals and over ancient bridges
- Learn about the town's unique layout, which features no city walls, and was designed to reflect a local ruler's superstitions

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Day 6 (Thursday, March 25): Bai tea ceremony & sightseeing tour of Dali

Included meals: breakfast, lunch

En route to Dali, stop at a local Bai village and market. The Bai are an East Asian ethnic group and you'll learn more about their culture during a traditional three-course tea ceremony.

Then, continue on to Dali and enjoy an included lunch before setting off on a sightseeing tour with a local guide.

- View the Three Pagodas, which form an equilateral triangle and date back to the ninth century
- Head to the Old Town and dive into the more than 3,000 years of Bai history
- Learn about the symbolism of the unique chessboard-like layout of the town

Travel back to Lijiang this afternoon.

Day 7 (Friday, March 26): Sightseeing tour of Lijiang

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Spend the day learning about the history and culture in and around Lijiang.

- Head to Jade Spring Park to visit a scenic pond known as Black Dragon Pool
- Admire views of the Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and the scenic marble bridge that leads to the Five-Phoenix Tower
- Enter the Dongba Culture Museum to learn about the Naxi people and their rare hieroglyphic language
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Visit the nearby village of Baisha and enter Dabaoji Palace to see a series of murals that date back to the Ming Dynasty

Sit down for an included family-style dinner this evening.

Shangri-La | 2 NIGHTS**Day 8 (Saturday, March 27): Transfer to Shangri-La & sightseeing tour**

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

As you travel to Shangri-La, make a scenic photo stop where the Yangtze River curves almost 180 degrees.

Then, set off to soak in the views throughout this biodiverse region.

- Visit Tiger Leaping Gorge, which is part of the UNESCO-listed Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas
- View Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and Haba Snow Mountain, which are separated by the Jinsha River

Sit down for an included dinner this evening.

Day 9 (Sunday, March 28): Sightseeing tour of Shangri-La & Tibetan home-hosted dinner

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Dive into the religious traditions and natural beauty throughout Shangri-La on today's guided sightseeing tour.

- Visit the Tibetan Ganden Sumtseling Monastery, which was founded by the Fifth Dalai Lama in 1679
- Learn about the 700 monks who live and practice at the monastery
- Enjoy an included lunch
- Head to Potatso National Park to explore the tranquil landscapes and learn about the region's unique flora and fauna

This evening, join an expert guide to visit a local Tibetan family. You'll learn about the village and home before chatting with the family about their customs and traditions during an included dinner.

Chengdu | 2 NIGHTS**Day 10 (Monday, March 29): Tibetan cultural lesson, Dabao Temple & flight to Chengdu**

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Discover the unique aspects of Tibetan culture this morning.

- Take part in an interactive class to learn how to speak the Tibetan language and create traditional Thangka paintings
- Pay a visit to the historic Dabao Temple
- Enjoy an included lunch

Then, fly to Chengdu and sit down for an included dinner.

Day 11 (Tuesday, March 30): Chengdu Panda Base & cooking class

Included meals: breakfast, lunch, farewell dinner

Spend the day getting to the heart of Chengdu's culture.

- Tour the Chengdu Panda Base to see the pandas and learn how the institution is committed to their protection and conservation
- Head to the Pidu District to take part in an interactive cooking class
- Enjoy the local cuisine you crafted during an included lunch

Celebrate your trip during a three-course farewell dinner this evening.

Day 12 (Wednesday, March 31): Departure

Included meals: breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Please note: The inclusions and order of events on this tour are subject to change and will be confirmed prior to your departure.

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