

09 Days China Golden Triangle Tour

Gandhara International offers inconceivable value and has especially designed for our valuable clients who have short time, however still wish to experience the highlights of China in one condensed program.

Day 01: (Beijing)

Upon arrival at Beijing International Airport by ____ at ____ hours. We will greet you at the airport and accompany you to your hotel in a private vehicle. Take the rest full day at hotel or acclimatize this dynamic city on your own.

Beijing, China's massive capital has history stretching back 3 millennia. Yet it's known as much for its modern architecture as its ancient sites such as the grand Forbidden City complex, the imperial palace during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Nearby, the massive Tiananmen Square pedestrian plaza is site of Mao Zedong's mausoleum and the National Museum of China, displaying a vast collection of cultural relics.



National Museum of China and The Great Hall of the People were both among the "Ten Great Constructions" completed for the 10th birthday of the PRC. It was built on the basis of the former Museum of Chinese History and the former Museum of Chinese Revolution, being the most inclusive museum of time-honored Chinese culture and history in the country. After four year's renovation and expansion, the new National Museum reopened in March, 2011 ranks among the largest modern museums in the world.



After **dinner**, overnight at hotel in Beijing.

Day 02: (Beijing)

Today after breakfast, first we will go to visit the **Tiananmen Square**, the world's largest plaza, the area of the square is about 44 hectares and one million people can be accommodated at a time.



Walking through Tiananmen Gate, we will enter the impressive **Forbidden City**, China's No.1 palace complex adorned with imperial treasures. The Forbidden City was built under the orders of the powerful Yongle Emperor of the Ming Dynasty between the years 1406 to 1420. More than one million people worked on the construction of the expansive palace. The best materials were brought in from all over China including specially made "golden" bricks, logs of the rare Phoebe zhennan trees, and blocks of marble. When the palace was completed, the Yongle Emperor moved the capital of the empire to Beijing city.



Afternoon, proceed to **Temple of Heaven**: It is China's largest and most representative existing masterpiece among China's ancient sacrificial buildings. First built in 1420, the 18th year of the reign of Emperor Yongle of the Ming Dynasty (1368 - 1644), it was enlarged and rebuilt during the reigns of the Ming emperor Jiajing and the



Qing emperor Qianlong. In 1988, it was opened to the public as a park, showing ancient philosophy, history and religion. Its grand architectural style and profound cultural connotation give an insight into the practices of the ancient Eastern civilization.

After visit the Temple, back to your hotel for dinner & overnight.

Day 03: (Beijing)

This morning, we will move to explore the world-famous **Great Wall**, one of the “Seven Wonders of the World” and the key symbol of China. Time allow you to enjoy a lifetime trekking trip (1-2 hours' hiking), or spectator the breathtaking views of this man-made wonder by taking a cable car.



After the visit, we will take a leisurely walk along the Sacred Road to explore the **Ding Tomb**: The splendid Ding Ling (Ling means tomb) is the mausoleum of the 13th emperor of the Ming Dynasty, Zhu Yijun. He was known as Emperor Wanli (much experience) after the self-proclaimed name of his ruling period. He ruled his great empire for 48 years, the longest reign in his dynasty. Historical documents reveal that the total cost for the tomb amazingly reached over 8 million taels (300 tonnes) of silver, which was approximately equivalent to the entire tax income for two years of then government. Ding Ling is only the third largest tomb after Chang Ling and Yong Ling. Its exquisite decorations, however, enormously surpass the other two. Most of the structure above the ground has disappeared except the Soul Tower. It is a magnificent building wholly made of stone and bricks, which may explains why it survived the centuries.



After the whole day walking obviously you are feeling tired, we arrange for feet massage.

In the evening, after dinner take the rest at Hotel.

Day 04: (Beijing to Xian by High Speed Train)

This morning, after breakfast, visit the tremendous **Summer Palace**, the largest and best-preserved imperial garden in China. It covers an expanse of 2.9 square kilometers, three-quarters of which is water. After visit the Great Wall, we must see this Palace.



After this memorial visit, we will lead to train station for a 5-hour **high-speed train to Xian**, the ancient heart of China. Upon arrival in Xian, our local guide will welcome you and accompanied you to hotel. The rest of the day is free on your own.



Overnight at the hotel in Xian.

Day 05: (Xian)

Today we will proceed to visit incredible Museum **Terracotta Warriors and Horses** of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China; are the most significant archeological excavations of the 20th century and the forbidding sentinels of a death defying emperor, starting out through the silent millennia of history.



Then head to the age-old **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, the symbol of the old-line Xian, a well-preserved ancient building and a holy place for Buddhists.

Dinner & overnight at the hotel in Xian

Day 06: (Xian - Shanghai)

After breakfast, visit the **Great Mosque**, a tranquil and historic mosque that has served Xian's Muslim community for more than a millennium. It is located near the Drum Tower. The mosque covers 12,000 square meters



Then proceed to **Ancient City Walls**, the first landmark visitors will encounter in Xi'an is the ancient city wall, which stretches round the old city and best-kept city walls on earth and one of the largest *ancient* military defensive systems in the world. Strolling and cycling on the Walls is quite an enjoyable experience.



Our today's tour ends to visit the **Bell Tower** (from outside), a famous landmark of Xian ancient city.

After lunch, transfer to airport and take the flight to **Shanghai** (2 hours). Upon arrival, meet the local guide and transfer to the Hotel, the remaining day at leisure at your own.

Day 07: (Shanghai)

After breakfast, start your Shanghai exploration with the **Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Center**, is located on People's Square, Shanghai, China, adjacent to the municipal government building, has 5 floors and 2 underground floors including Historical Monument.



Later you will take a leisurely walk through the elegant **Yu Garden** and the busy **Yuyuan Market** for a glimpse of local people's lives, followed a visit to a silk workshop.



Today's tour ends at the **Old French Concession**, where you will see beautiful old villas of French style. After that, you will walk down along the Huangpu River and visit the Nanjing Road.

In the evening, enjoy the breathtaking **Acrobatic Show**. (Optional)

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 08: (Shanghai Departure)

After breakfast drive to Jin Mao Tower having 88 stories and is landmark of Shanghai, China. It contains a shopping mall, offices and the Grand Hyatt Shanghai hotel.



Continue visit to **Tianzifang**, is a tourist shopping and café area in Shanghai in the Old French Quarter and also is an arts and crafts enclave that has developed from a renovated residential area in the French Concession area of Shanghai, China.

After visit transfer to airport and fly back to your home.

Day 09: Arrive back at your home.
