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2025-2026

FEATURING
CHINA'S NEW
LUXURY TRAIN,
THE SILK ROAD
EXPRESS!

Australia's Leading Specialist Touring Operator

Fully Inclusive Touring | Group, Solo & Private Touring | Authentic Experiences



THE WENDY WU TOURS DIFFERENCE

REPUTATION AND EXPERTISE

Wendy Wu Tours was established in 1998 and we have been operating tours to Asia and Beyond ever since. Our success and longevity speaks for itself.

We are passionate about delivering exceptional experiences to our customers that encompass a range of 'must sees' and 'off the beaten track' adventures. We have pioneered access to untapped regions of our world and showcased the amazing spirit in each local community. Our staff have travelled extensively throughout these regions and their knowledge is evident in every detail of your holiday.

We are proud of our awards and achievements but there is still so much to discover and develop!

We are forever inspired by our customers and the life-changing experiences we enable them to discover, so much so that we continue to welcome back customers.

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE

We aim to include as much as possible so you can enjoy every moment! Value for money has been our ethos from the very beginning; your flights, your accommodation, all or most meals, touring, visas, transport, and expert guides are all included and deliver exceptional value.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

We've been blazing trails into Asia and Beyond for over a quarter of a century, building our local expertise and pioneering the roads less travelled so you can enjoy customs and authentic experiences, packed with local flavours.

It's no exaggeration to say that we are entering a new golden age of train travel. High speed rail networks are shrinking the world's largest nations, new ambitious routes are linking countries, cities and remote regions like never before and luxury and vintage trains are carrying passengers in style on the planet's most scenic journeys.

Travelling by train must be the most enjoyable and immersive style of travel there is. No waiting in long queues at security and no lengthy transfers to out-of-town airports. Trains are more comfortable with space to move around and stretch your legs, which in turn makes them more social, with opportunities to chat with your fellow passengers.

Lastly and perhaps best of all, trains travel through the countries you are visiting, giving you a window into spectacular landscapes and daily life you just can't get from 35,000ft.

I am thrilled to introduce you to the Silk Road Express, a new luxury train riding in style along the legendary trading routes that used to link China with the west. The train is magnificently luxurious with opulent dining and observation cars, a stylish bar car and some of the most lavish cabins on the rails today. Our brand new Legends of the Silk Road tour is the perfect mix of adventure and luxury, and promises to be the travel event of 2025.

However you choose to travel, you'll enjoy exquisitely crafted itineraries using our 25 years of experience, and will be taken care of every step of the way – we'd love you to come along for the ride.



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Wendy Wu – Founder, Wendy Wu Tours

OUTSTANDING GUIDES

Our much-loved National Escorts, whose knowledge, passion, story and dedication to our customers have won us one of the best reputations in the industry, will make your holiday with us truly extraordinary. You will fall in love with them just as much as their homeland.

SAFE AND SECURE

We are ATAS accredited members of the Australian Travel Industry Association (ATIA), the International Air Transport Association (IATA), as well as foundation members of the Council of Australian Tour Operators (CATO). We have a wide network of travel agents working with us nationally, so you benefit from local knowledge combined with Australian understanding and support.

VISAS

One of our differentiating qualities is that each of our group tours include the cost of the visa for Australian passport holders for each destination (where required), creating a hassle-free process throughout. Our expert team will provide advice, coordinate your processing, and safely return your passports, leaving you to simply enjoy your holiday preparation.

TIPPING MADE EASY

We have perfected our tipping process to make it as simple as possible! Leave any concerns behind as we advise you how much and when to tip, and our National Escort will take care of the rest. Easy!



JAPAN BY RAIL

22 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$16,990

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Reflect in Nagasaki & Hiroshima
- ✓ Admire Kyoto's temples
- ✓ See the snow monkeys
- ✓ Explore bustling Tokyo
- ✓ Discover Sendai & Hakodate
- ✓ Spend time in Sapporo

PRICE INCLUDES

- 19 breakfasts, 18 lunches & 19 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 28



Travel across Japan by bullet train

RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Reliable, efficient, punctual and fast, Japan's extensive rail network is world renowned for all the right reasons.
- ▶ Trains are spotlessly clean and comfortable, with plenty of legroom.
- ▶ Get a glimpse of traditional, rural Japan as you glide through glorious countryside.



Journey through Japan by rail

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO FUKUOKA

Fly overnight to the charming city of Fukuoka, the gateway to the island of Kyushu. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: EXPLORE NAGASAKI

Begin the day by travelling on the limited express train to Nagasaki. Upon arrival, enjoy a stroll through the Glover Garden, an open-air museum that exhibits mansions attributed to the Scottish merchant who contributed to the modernisation of Japan. Also, visit the Oura Catholic Church and Atomic Bomb Museum before returning to Fukuoka.

DAY 4: MIYAJIMA ISLAND

Board the bullet train to Hiroshima, located on Japan's largest island, Honshu. Upon arrival in Hiroshima, take the ferry across the Seto Inland Sea to the holy island of Miyajima. Here, visit the Itsukushima Shrine and enjoy a momiji manju cooking experience. Later, return to Hiroshima.

DAY 5: HIROSHIMA HIGHLIGHTS

Spend the day in Hiroshima starting with a visit to the Peace Memorial Park and Museum where you will have the opportunity to pay homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb. Enjoy okonomiyaki for lunch before ascending Orizuru Tower to view the city from above, followed by a stroll through the historical Shukkeien Garden.

DAY 6: ADMIRE HIMEJI CASTLE

Depart Hiroshima by bullet train, stopping at Himeji to visit the magnificent Himeji Castle, followed by a walk through the traditional Kokoen Garden. Continue by limited express to Osaka.

DAY 7: OSAKA & NARA DAY TRIP

Begin the day with a visit to the Umeda Sky Building, followed by lunch in the famous Dontonburi district. Later, head to Nara and explore Todaiji, a temple which houses the impressive Daibutsu, a 15-metre-tall bronze statue of Buddha. Enjoy an ink making and calligraphy class before returning to Osaka.

DAY 8: KYOTO'S TEMPLES

Journey by road to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, this enchanting city is the epitome of traditional Japan. Upon arrival, stroll through the Arashiyama bamboo forest and admire the towering thickets. Also visit Ryoanji Temple, home to Japan's best-known Zen garden, and the famous 'Golden Pavilion' Kinkakuji.

DAY 9: TEA CEREMONY & FAN PAINTING

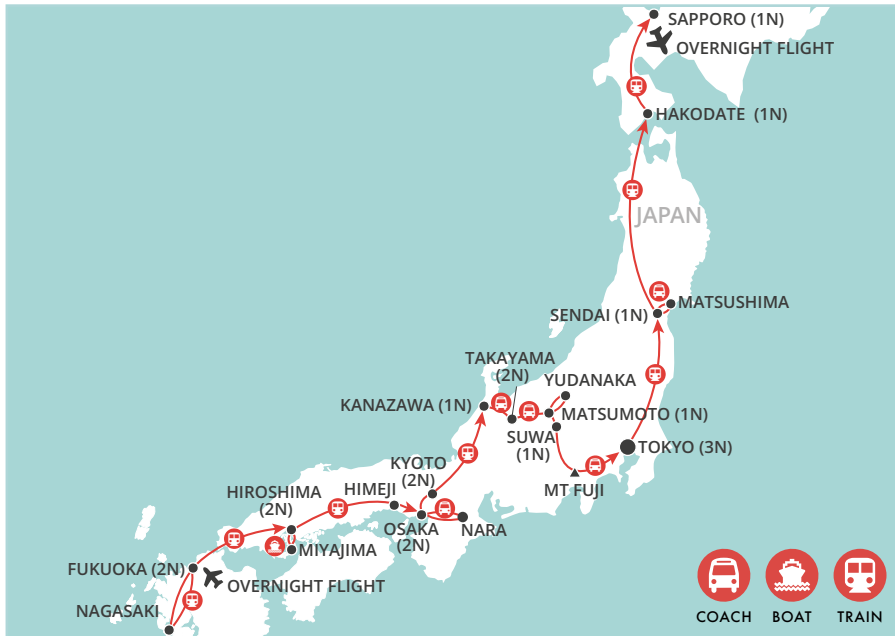
The day begins with a visit to Kiyomizu-dera temple in Kyoto. Next, immerse yourself in the culture and enjoy the age-old rituals of a sacred tea ceremony, Zen mediation, and try your hand at fan painting. Also explore Gion – Kyoto's famous geisha district.

DAY 10: EXPLORE KANAZAWA

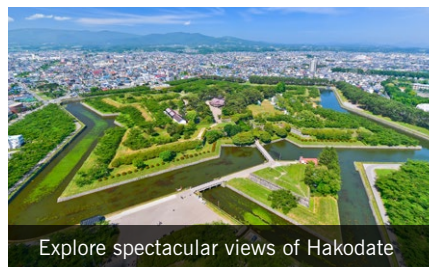
Take the limited express train to Kanazawa and upon arrival, meander your way through Kenrokuen, one of the Three Great Gardens of Japan. Also visit the Nomura Samurai House and Kunani Pottery Factory.

DAY 11: SHIRAKAWAGO VILLAGE

Drive south towards the Alps, stopping at Inami for a sake tasting and wooden cup making. Later, admire the gassho-style farmhouses at the UNESCO-listed village of Shirakawago, famous for their steep thatched roofs that resemble 'hands in prayer'. Continue to Takayama.



Cruise Matsushima Bay in Sendai



Explore spectacular views of Hakodate

DAY 12: DISCOVER TAKAYAMA

Spend the morning at the Miyagawa market. Also visit the Takayama Floats Museum and Takayama Jinya. Enjoy the onsen facilities at your overnight hotel.

DAY 13: SNOW MONKEYS

Travel to Matsumoto and spend time at the Daio Wasabi Farm to see the plantations and learn about its cultivation. Continue to the town of Yudanaka and head to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen. Hike through a picturesque forested valley to the hot pools where you may see the famous Japanese macaques (snow monkeys) bathe and play before returning to Matsumoto.

DAY 14: MATSUMOTO CASTLE

Begin the day with a visit to the magnificent 16th-century Matsumoto Castle, also known as 'Crow Castle', due to its intense black exterior. Next, head to a miso house and learn about the process of making this famous Japanese seasoning. Also visit the former post town of Naraijuku. Continue to Suwa and enjoy the onsen facilities at your hotel.

DAY 15: MOUNT FUJI

Travel to Hakone and ascend 2,400 metres to Fuji's 5th Station (weather permitting). Also, enjoy a peaceful cruise on Lake Ashi before taking to the skies on the Komagatake Ropeway. Next, continue to Tokyo by road.

DAY 16: TOUR TOKYO

Begin the day with a stroll through Hamarikyu Gardens. Next, take part in a sushi making class, and enjoy your own creations for lunch! Later, soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, browse the stalls on Nakamise shopping street and drive by the Imperial Palace Plaza.

DAY 17: TOKYO HIGHLIGHTS

Begin the day at the Tokyo Metropolitan Building and ascend to the observation deck for breathtaking views over the sprawling city. Next, soak up the atmosphere at the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine and drive by the world-famous Shibuya crossing. End the day with a relaxing yakata boat dinner cruise on the waters of Tokyo Bay; the perfect vantage point from which to admire the city lights.

DAY 18: SIP WHISKY IN SENDAI

Let the bullet train whisk you north to Sendai, the largest city in Tohoku. Transfer to the coast and enjoy a relaxing cruise on Matsushima Bay. Also, visit the famous Nikka Whisky factory in Sendai.

DAY 19: EXPLORE HAKODATE

Say goodbye to Honshu Island as you board the bullet train to Hakodate located on Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island. Visit the Goryokaku Tower, a star shaped fortress, followed by some time at leisure. This evening, journey on the Mt Hakodate Ropeway and enjoy the fabulous views of the city below. Enjoy the onsen facilities at your hotel.

DAY 20: SAPPORO SIGHTSEEING

Board the bullet train to Sapporo, the final stop on this three-week adventure. Admire the Clock Tower and Odori Park, then stop by the Sapporo Beer Museum and enjoy a tasting or two before this evening's farewell dinner.

DAYS 21-22: FLY SAPPORO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

CLASSIC

JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

An all-encompassing journey through Japan, travelling chiefly by bullet train and taking in the highlights of all three main islands: Kyushu, Honshu and Hokkaido.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

14 Mar - 04 Apr	\$16,990	11 Sep - 02 Oct	\$16,990
15 Mar - 05 Apr	\$16,990	18 Sep - 09 Oct	\$16,990
16 Mar - 06 Apr	\$16,990	02 Oct - 23 Oct	\$16,990
17 Mar - 07 Apr	\$16,990	06 Oct - 27 Oct	\$16,990
18 Mar - 08 Apr	\$16,990	09 Oct - 30 Oct	\$16,990
20 Mar - 10 Apr	\$16,990	11 Oct - 01 Nov	\$16,990
22 Mar - 12 Apr	\$16,990	13 Oct - 03 Nov	\$16,990
24 Mar - 14 Apr	\$16,990	15 Oct - 05 Nov	\$16,990
26 Mar - 16 Apr	\$16,990	16 Oct - 06 Nov	\$16,990
28 Mar - 18 Apr	\$16,990	17 Oct - 07 Nov	\$16,990
31 Mar - 21 Apr	\$16,990	20 Oct - 10 Nov	\$16,990
03 Apr - 24 Apr	\$16,990	21 Oct - 11 Nov	\$16,990
07 Apr - 28 Apr	\$16,990	23 Oct - 13 Nov	\$16,990
10 Apr - 01 May	\$16,990	25 Oct - 15 Nov	\$16,990
08 May - 29 May	\$16,990	27 Oct - 17 Nov	\$16,990
15 May - 05 Jun	\$16,990	30 Oct - 20 Nov	\$16,990
05 Jun - 26 Jun	\$16,990	03 Nov - 24 Nov	\$16,990
12 Jun - 03 Jul	\$16,990	06 Nov - 27 Nov	\$16,990
19 Jun - 10 Jul	\$16,990	10 Nov - 01 Dec	\$16,990

2026 DATES

14 Mar - 04 Apr	\$17,990	11 Sep - 02 Oct	\$17,990
16 Mar - 06 Apr	\$17,990	18 Sep - 09 Oct	\$17,990
18 Mar - 08 Apr	\$17,990	25 Sep - 16 Oct	\$17,990
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Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Fukuoka – Sapporo) 20 days from \$15,790 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$3,500

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Tipping is generally not part of the culture in Japan; however, you may wish to tip your National Escort at your discretion. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Please note: cherry blossoms are weather dependent and it is not guaranteed that they will be in bloom at the time of your arrival.

JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN

15 DAYS FROM

PER PERSON \$12,980

FULLY INCLUSIVE FROM SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, BRISBANE, ADELAIDE & PERTH

ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Discover Hokkaido's nature
- ✓ Explore vibrant Sapporo
- ✓ Spend time in Hakodate
- ✓ See Tokyo's bright lights
- ✓ Gaze at Mount Fuji
- ✓ Uncover Kyoto's past



View the magnificent Kegon Waterfall

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation, including an overnight stay in a ryokan
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Leave Tokyo by train

► RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Reliable, efficient, punctual and fast, Japan's extensive rail network is world renowned for all the right reasons.
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ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SAPPORO

Fly overnight to the vibrant city of Sapporo, capital of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: ASCEND OKURAYAMA

This morning, ascend to the Okurayama viewing point, soaring up to the summit of the Sapporo Winter Olympics ski jump by chair lift – the views over the surrounding mountains are breathtaking. Continue to the pretty port town of Otaru and take some time to walk along the streets of the village and stroll along the picturesque canal. This evening visit a local beer museum and sample some of the beer on offer before heading to a nearby restaurant to dine on a Genghis Khan dinner – barbeque lamb, a Sapporo special!

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO HAKODATE

Depart Sapporo and travel to a lovely lakeside spot to visit a museum of Ainu culture, an indigenous people of the area. Continue to Noboribetsu Jigokudani (Hell Valley) and walk through a volcanic caldera where you can see steam jets, vents and hot springs. After lunch, hop on a train to the harbour city of Hakodate, set on Hokkaido's southern tip, where you'll embark on a night tour with time to ascend the Mount Hakodate cable car, for magnificent views over the illuminated city.

DAY 5: EXPLORE HAKODATE ASAICHI

Start the day wandering Hakodate's bustling asaichi (morning market), where hundreds of stores and stalls sell fresh local produce, seafood and the odd souvenir. Next, ascend

Goryokaku Tower for views over Goryokaku Fort and Mount Hakodate before boarding the bullet train to the lovely city of Aomori in the north of Honshu, Japan's largest island. Visit the Nebuta Warasse, a museum dedicated to Aomori's famous 300-year-old Nebuta Matsuri, a lively summer festival.

DAY 6: TSUNAGI ONSEN

Depart Hirosaki for Kakunodate, an old samurai stronghold still known for its samurai traditions. Visit the Aoyagi Samurai Manor Museum for a fascinating look at samurai culture and stroll around Ishiguro House, a traditional samurai residence. Continue to the hot spring resort of Tsunagi. Stay overnight in a traditional ryokan with onsen facilities and experience sleeping on a futon on a tatami mat.

DAY 7: CRUISE MATSUSHIMA BAY

Travel to Hiraizumi, where you'll explore the peaceful Chusonji Temple with its beautiful old gold leaf-covered hall. Continue to the charming town of Matsushima to enjoy a relaxed cruise on Matsushima Bay, passing amongst the small pine tree-covered islands of this picturesque seascape.

DAY 8: SENDAI TO NIKKO

Walk to Sendai station and take the bullet train to the culture-filled town of Nikko. Start your explorations in the beautiful surroundings of Nikko National Park, where you'll visit Toshogu shrine. Built in the 1600s, this is Japan's most lavish shrine, built as the final resting place of shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. Continue to the magnificent Kegon Waterfall, taking a 100-metre-tall elevator up to the perfect viewing spot. Transfer to Tokyo.



CLASSIC
JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Journey south from Sapporo to Osaka, exploring the diverse islands of Hokkaido and Honshu. From volcanic landscapes to the glittering Matsushima Bay, go beyond the big cities to see another side of Japan.



Admire illuminated views of Hakodate



Walk amongst the steam vents in Noboribetsu Jigokudani (Hell Valley)

DAY 9: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo, Japan's capital, is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech frontage and you'll find plenty of tranquil backstreets and old temples to explore. Start the day in the vibrant district of Asakusa, where you will visit Sensoji, Tokyo's oldest temple, and wander down Nakamise shopping street before a visit to Tokyo National Museum. After lunch, stroll through the peaceful Meiji Jingu Shrine complex, before ascending to the observatory deck of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building for exceptional views over the city.

DAY 10: ADMIRE MOUNT FUJI

Travel by road from Tokyo to Mount Fuji, where you'll ascend 2,400 metres up Japan's most iconic sight to the 5th Station (weather permitting). Transfer to the Hakone area and enjoy a cruise on the spectacular Lake Ashi before flying high above the lake on the Komagatake Ropeway cable car. Return to Tokyo.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Take a bullet train to Kyoto. Capital for 1,000 years, the city today is full of the legacy of ancient Japan and home to tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. This afternoon, visit Togetsukyo Bridge in the heart of the vibrant Arashiyama district and enjoy a leisurely walk through the bamboo forest, with its towering bamboo thickets.

DAY 12: EXPLORE KYOTO

This morning, visit one of Japan's most famous temples, Kinkakuji, the 'Golden Pavilion'. Set amongst classical Japanese

Zen gardens and on the edge of a reflecting pool, the temple's main hall is covered in gold leaf. Also, stroll through Nishiki Market, dubbed 'Kyoto's kitchen', where there are many interesting food and sake stores to explore before a free afternoon to spend as you wish.

DAY 13: SAKE TASTING

Today, get to know the local culture. Try your hand at handkerchief dyeing, then learn about the rituals of an authentic Japanese tea ceremony. After lunch, walk the vermilion, torii gate-lined pathways of the Fushimi Inari Shrine and tour a traditional sake brewery, where you can have a few cheeky tasters. Continue to the booming city of Osaka.

DAYS 14-15: FLY OSAKA TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

EXTEND YOUR STAY...

NARA EXTENSION
2 days from \$810pp twin share

SNOW MONKEYS EXTENSION
4 days from \$3,440pp twin share

GARDENS BY THE BAY - SINGAPORE
4 days from \$780pp twin share

PRICES & DEPARTURES
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- ✓ Visit historic Gyeongju
- ✓ Discover picturesque Busan
- ✓ Reflect in Hiroshima
- ✓ Be charmed by Kyoto
- ✓ Feel the rush of Tokyo



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- Touring with guides and entrance fees
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Travel across South Korea by KTX

► RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience South Korea's high-speed KTX train network.
- Travel at speeds of up to 230km/hour on 'shinkansen', Japan's famous bullet trains.
- Enjoy four high speed train journeys in Japan and experience spectacular stations, smooth as silk journeys and legendary punctuality!

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO SEOUL

Fly overnight to Seoul, the dazzling capital city of South Korea. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. This evening meet your National Escort and fellow travellers to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3: EXPLORE SEOUL

Amongst the skyscrapers, nightlife districts and colossal shopping malls of Seoul, there is an exceptional amount of culture and tradition, from busy teahouses to magnificent palaces just waiting to be explored. Enjoy a full day tour of Seoul starting at Gyeongbok Palace to watch the 'Changing of the Guards' ceremony, and then visit the palace itself. Next, attend a Korean cooking class – making traditional bibimbap before tucking into your creations for lunch. Enjoy the panoramic city views at N Seoul Tower and also visit Insadong Antique Alley, renowned for its art products and traditional Korean antiques.

DAY 4: VISIT THE DMZ

Created as a buffer zone between North Korea and South Korea at the end of the Korean War, the DMZ is part of the most heavily militarised border in the world. An early start is needed today as tickets to the DMZ are limited*. Explore the DMZ Theatre & Exhibition Hall, walk along the 3rd Infiltration Tunnel, visit Dora Observatory & Station and see the Bridge of Freedom. Return to Seoul to explore Gwangjang Market.

*While every effort will be made to get the tickets, should this not be possible, you will instead take a ride on the DMZ gondola and visit the Odusan Unification Observatory.

DAY 5: TRAIN TO GYEONGJU

Take a train from Seoul to Gyeongju – a city of cultural and historical relics, Gyeongju is called 'the museum without walls'. Capital of the Silla Kingdom for over 1,000 years, the city is home to a staggering number of tombs, temples, statues and ruins, some of which you'll explore today. In the afternoon, begin at the magnificent UNESCO World Heritage listed Bulguksa Temple, considered the pinnacle of Silla architecture, and Seokguram Grotto. Later, take a stroll at Anapji Pond.

DAY 6: EXPLORE BUSAN

Begin the day with a visit to Gyeongju National Museum, and then explore Tumuli Park, a collection of royal tombs. Continue by road to Busan. Laidback compared to Seoul's bustle, Busan is a city full of character and traditional features as well as mountains, beaches, temples and exquisite seafood. In the afternoon, visit the Jagalchi Fish Market and browse the wares at Gukje Market. Next, head over to Dongbaekseom Island and soak up the peaceful nature, before feeling the sand between your toes on Haeundae Beach.

DAY 7: GOODBYE SOUTH KOREA, HELLO JAPAN

It's time to say goodbye to South Korea and hello to Japan! Board the ferry to Fukuoka.

DAY 8: FROM FUKUOKA TO HIROSHIMA

Located on the northern shores of Japan's Kyushu Island - Fukuoka is also the island's largest city. Begin the day with a visit to the Dazaifu Tenmangu Shinto Shrine before exploring the National Museum to learn about the city's colourful past. After lunch, board the bullet train to Hiroshima, a city that needs no introduction.



CLASSIC
SOUTH KOREA & JAPAN

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
This two-week South Korea and Japan adventure gives a fascinating insight into two of Asia's most intriguing countries. Close in proximity yet culturally distinct, this tour offers the perfect way to experience the diversity of the Far East.



Ascend N Seoul Tower



Stroll through the historic quarter of Kurashiki

DAY 9: HIROSHIMA & MIYAJIMA

Start the day at the Peace Memorial Park and Museum, which pays homage to the victims of the 1945 atomic bomb, followed by a visit to an oyster farm by boat. In the afternoon, hop on the ferry to the holy island of Miyajima and visit the Itsukushima Shrine, a UNESCO World Heritage listed site, located on the edge of the waters of the Seto Inland Sea.

DAY 10: DISCOVER ANCIENT KURASHIKI & OKAYAMA

Transfer by bullet train to Kurashiki to explore the beautifully-preserved Bikan Historical Quarter, where the streets along the banks of the Kurashiki River are lined with white-walled kominka (traditional houses). Next, head to Okayama and visit Korakuen Garden, one of the 'Three Great Gardens of Japan'. Later, board the bullet train to the vibrant city of Osaka.

DAY 11: EXPLORE NARA & OSAKA

Travel to Nara and enjoy a leisurely walk through Nara Park to Todaiji Temple before returning to Osaka. Enjoy lunch at Dotonbori Street, famous for its eye-catching signage and billboards and then visit the impressive Osaka Castle.

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO KYOTO

Journey by road to Kyoto. An enchanting city, Kyoto was Japan's capital city for 1,000 years; today it is a testament to ancient Japan, packed with tranquil temples, silk-clad geisha and sublime gardens. Visit Ryoanji, the 'temple of the peaceful dragon' and the famous Kinkakuji Temple, also known as the 'Golden Pavilion'. Later immerse yourself in the culture by experiencing the sacred rituals of a tea ceremony with a tea master.

DAY 13: EXPLORE KYOTO

Visit the vibrant district of Arashiyama and stroll through the bamboo forest with its towering thickets before trying your hand at the art of fan painting. Next you'll have the opportunity to have lunch with a maiko – an apprentice geisha. In the afternoon, visit to one of Kyoto's most famous sites – Fushimi Inari Shrine, renowned for its 10,000 vermilion torii gates, and follow a forested hillside pathway passing numerous shrines along the way.

DAY 14: VISIT HAKONE

Take the bullet train to Odawara. Upon arrival, visit the Hakone shrine, situated on the shores of Lake Ashi and enjoy the breathtaking views of Mount Fuji in the background. After lunch, take part in a Yosegi marquetry craft experience, before continuing by road to Tokyo – Japan's capital city.

DAY 15: EXPLORE TOKYO

Tokyo is the ultimate 24-hour city, but look behind its frantic, high-tech neon-lit frontage and you will find plenty of tranquil backstreets and ancient temples. Begin the day with a visit to Meiji Shrine, before driving past the famous Shibuya crossing. Next, wander through the old district of Asakusa to soak up the atmosphere at Sensoji, Tokyo's most famous and beloved temple. After lunch, visit a bonsai museum and observe a demonstration before trying your hand at bonsai pruning. End the day with a dinner cruise on the beautiful Tokyo Bay.

DAYS 16-17: FLY TOKYO TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES			
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Flight and supplement information

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- Land only (Seoul – Tokyo) 15 days from \$14,290 per person, twin share
- Single Supplement from \$2,200

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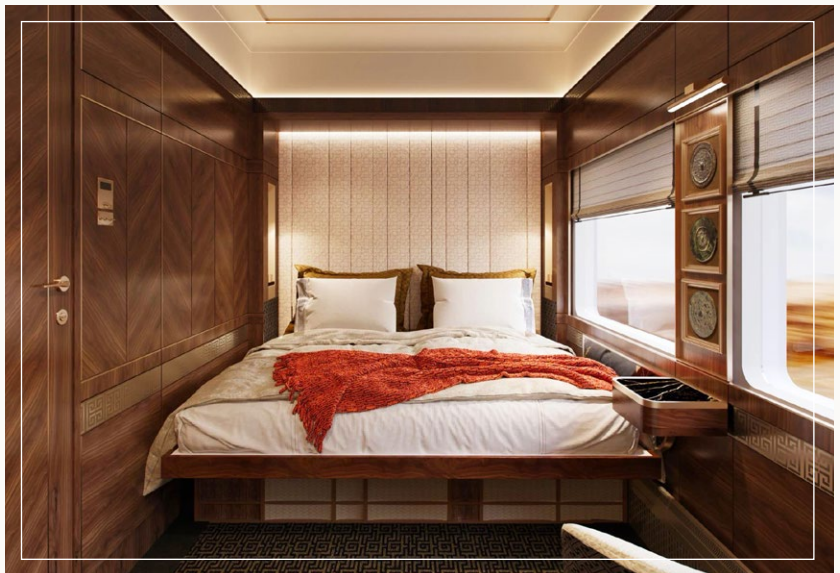
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Inspired by the graceful curves of the Han Dynasty chariots, the elegant bar car is the social hub of the train, with its relaxed yet refined atmosphere. Sip on carefully crafted cocktails and fine wines as you discuss the day's sightseeing and anticipate what tomorrow might bring. The car also has a Bösendorfer piano, so you can look forward to sophisticated entertainment – a fitting choice for this timeless space.

For sublime views, step into the bright and spacious Observation Car. Featuring a 270° panoramic window, you can immerse yourself in the incredible landscapes all around at any time of day. By night, cutting edge ambient lighting transforms the car into a dazzling space.



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- ✓ Wine tasting in Jiayuguan
- ✓ Explore ancient Kashgar
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- ✓ Visit the UNESCO Mogao Grottoes
- ✓ Stand before the Terracotta Army



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Visit China's largest wine cellar

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Nestled near the historic Jiayuguan Great Wall and home to China's largest cellar, visit Xixuan Winery to learn the winemaking process from harvest to bottling, finishing with a tasting of two regional varietals.
- ▶ Explore Kashgar's Terraced Households, traditional Uyghur mud-brick homes, and witness skilled artisans craft intricate clay pottery and printed works.
- ▶ Guided by a master artisan in Xining, craft a traditional Tibetan artwork known as a Thangka, used for meditation and devotion, and have your name inscribed in an ethnic minority script for a special keepsake.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY TO URUMQI

Fly overnight to the modern city of Urumqi, the capital of the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in China's northwest. On arrival you will be transferred to your hotel, where the rest of the day is at your leisure until a welcome dinner in the evening. (D)

DAY 3: CRUISE ON HEAVENLY LAKE

Leave the bustle of the city behind and spend the day among the glorious nature of Tian Shan, the 'Mountains of Heaven'. This region of snow and glacier-capped peaks, forests, meadows, rivers, and lakes is a stark contrast to the nearby desert – you'll get spectacular views of it all on a cruise of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), before visiting a Kazakh minority family in their yurt for insight into the nomadic lifestyle. Later, relax at your hotel or head out on a walking tour through the atmospheric alleyways of the Urumqi Grand Bazaar. (B,L)

DAY 4: FLY TO KASHGAR

An important trading centre with a history stretching back over 2,000 years, Kashgar's minaret studded skyline evokes the timeless spirit of the Silk Road. On arrival, your Silk Road Express experience begins, with a transfer to your hotel and a special welcome dinner this evening - the perfect introduction to the luxurious adventure you're about to embark on. (B,D)

DAY 5: WANDER KASHGAR

This morning, visit the Terraced Households, traditional Uyghur dwellings built of mud bricks, tightly packed down old, atmospheric lanes. Continue your explorations in the Old Town, where plenty of heritage crafts are still undertaken – enjoy a visit to a printing and

clay pottery workshop to see the artisans at work. Board the Silk Road Express, settling into the classic grandeur of your cabin as your journey following the routes of the fabled Silk Road begins. Pulling out of Kashgar, sit back in comfort and watch the landscapes slip by as you travel deeper into China's northern extremes. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Muqam dinner. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: DISCOVER HOTAN'S ARTISANS

Enjoy a free morning making use of the train's amenities, relaxing in your cabin or one of the lounge cars as you arrive into Hotan. After lunch, served on the train, disembark and drive to the Hetian Museum to view cultural relics of the local area then continue to a traditional handicraft workshop, a silk commune and a hand-stitched carpet workshop to visit the local artisans and watch them at their work. Then, explore ancient Yotkan, a city with a fascinating thousand-year history and strong links to the Silk Road. Return to the train and enjoy a delicious dinner full of regional flavours. (B,L,D)

DAY 7: EXPLORE THE RUINS OF MILAN

Pull into the desert-bound town of Ruoqiang. Departing the train, strike out by road to visit the 'Ruins of Milan', a city that was once a major point on the Silk Road, providing shelter for trade caravans from the harshness of the desert. Returning to Ruoqiang, explore the artefacts of the Loulan Museum, excavated from ancient desert cities. Back onboard the train, enjoy a drink in the elegant bar car or take in the 270° panoramic views from the Observation Car. (B,L,D)

LUXURY
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PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR ME?

Traverse China's northwest in five-star comfort, discovering cities, landscapes and fascinating archaeological sites. With three nights aboard the opulent Silk Road Express, and indulgent experiences and hotels throughout, on this tour, luxury truly meets adventure.



Indulge in world-class dining



Traverse the vast landscapes of China's northwest

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

15 Sep - 29 Sep **\$27,880**

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available on request
- Land only (Urumqi – Xian) 13 days from \$26,680 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$12,580

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► SIGNATURE HOTELS

► **Conrad Urumqi**

A sleek skyscraper with soaring views, the contemporary interiors of the Conrad Urumqi bring together the wealth of the city's Silk Road history with stylish, spacious accommodation, accented with rich fabrics and jewel tones.

► **Sofitel Legends Peoples Grand**

Housed in an iconic building within Xian's city walls, the Sofitel Legend marries an eclectic mix of cultural flourishes with overt luxury. Spacious rooms are contemporary sanctuaries, the 24-hour butler service ready to cater to your every whim.

► **Silk Road Dunhuang Hotel**

Overlooking the dunes of the Gobi Desert, this charming boutique hotel showcases the rich history of the area in its architecture and décor while providing every comfort.

DAY 8: ARRIVE IN XINING

Spend a free morning on the train, savouring its comforts, as you cross a final stretch of starkly beautiful desert to arrive in the city of Xining. After lunch onboard, embark on an exploration of Xining's sacred Kumbum, a Tibetan monastery set spectacularly in a narrow valley outside the city, then create a traditional Thangka with a master artisan. Your Silk Road Express experience comes to an end this evening with dinner and an overnight stay at a five-star hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 9: WINE TASTING IN JIAYUGUAN

Transfer to Xining train station and board a bullet train to Jiayuguan. Seen as China's western gateway and home to the western end of the Great Wall, this desert city is the perfect place to get to grips with, and a feel for, your Silk Road history. On arrival, tour the renowned Xixuan Winery, home to the largest cellar in China, and learn about the wine-making process from harvest to bottling, complemented by a tasting of two regional varietals. Later, head to the Overhanging Great Wall for a leisurely walk and the chance to witness a breathtaking desert sunset – a truly magical way to end your day. (B,L)

DAY 10: DUNHUANG NIGHT MARKET

Visit Jiayu Fortress, the westernmost point of the magnificent Great Wall, then drive to Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands,' located in a lush oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. In the evening, wander the stalls of the bustling night market, where the streets come alive with vendors selling handicrafts and the aromas of sizzling meats and fragrant spices. (B,L)

DAY 11: MOGAO GROTTOS

Begin the day at Crescent Moon Spring, nestled amongst rolling sand dunes, before exploring the Mogao Grottoes. This UNESCO-listed system of temples and sanctuaries is full of wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues created between the 4th and 14th centuries. Showing its evolution over thousands of years, the grottoes are considered one of the most important collections of Buddhist art in the world. (B,L,D)

DAY 12: FLY TO XIAN

Enjoy a free morning and later, fly to Xian, a treasure trove of age-old history and the easternmost terminus of the ancient Silk Roads. Transfer to your hotel, where the rest of the day is at leisure to relax, or you may wish to begin your exploration of this fascinating city with a guided walking tour through the winding streets of the lively Muslim Quarter. (B)

DAY 13: MEET THE WARRIORS WITH AN EXPERT

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning with an expert viewing the enigmatic ranks of these life-size warriors. Later, take a stroll on the beautifully preserved city walls that enclose Xian's old town. (B,L,D)

DAYS 14-15: FLY XIAN TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport and fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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- ✓ Watch giant pandas play
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall

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► RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

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- Relax with views of Erhai Lake and snow-capped peaks on the Dali-Lijiang rail leg.
- Ride China's most beautiful rail line to the Yellow Mountains passing through gorgeous scenery.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SHANGHAI

Fly to Shanghai, also known as the 'Paris of the East'. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Today's explorations include the Yu Garden, the old town and a silk factory. Admire the magnificent colonial architecture with a stroll along the Bund, before a trip on the super-fast electromagnetic Maglev train. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and dine on delicious Shanghaiese cuisine.

DAY 3: YELLOW MOUNTAIN

Embark on a journey aboard the bullet train to Tunxi, and then ascend to the summit of Mount Huang, commonly known as Yellow Mountain, via cable car for an overnight stay atop the mountain. Enjoy the spectacular views of the oddly shaped peaks, rock formations, thousand-year-old pine trees and ever-changing mist, all of which have inspired local artists for centuries. Spend the afternoon exploring this stunning UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 4: TUNXI ANCIENT TOWN

Take the cable car down to the base of the mountain and explore the atmospheric town of Tunxi. The narrow cobbled streets are lined with pretty little shops selling anything from local snacks and tea, to paintbrushes, cultural relics and intricate wood carvings.

DAY 5: ORANGE ISLAND

Journey by bullet train to Changsha, a vibrant metropolis steeped in history and surrounded by natural beauty. Explore the bamboo and sculpture gardens of Orange Island, where a towering 32-metre statue of Chairman Mao Zedong stands. As dusk falls, indulge in the lively night market's local delicacies, a taste of Changsha's culture.

DAY 6: BULLET TRAIN TO GUILIN

Step into history at the Yuelu Academy, the historical hub of learning where ancient wisdom thrives. Then embark on a scenic journey as you traverse magnificent landscapes to reach Guilin's natural wonders.

DAY 7: DISCOVER GUILIN

Embark on a tour to Elephant Trunk Hill, the iconic rock formation resembling an elephant drinking from the Li River. This afternoon, visit a pearl factory before setting sail on a serene cruise, navigating the network of canals and walkways of the Two Rivers and Four Lakes.

DAY 8: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. Disembark and wander Yangshuo's cobbled streets and vibrant markets. This evening, you have the option of enjoying the magical Sanjie Liu night show.

DAY 9: BULLET TRAIN TO KUNMING

Board the bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan province.



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Embark on a modern odyssey across China, by bullet train! Mixing urban charm with natural grandeur, be captivated by the beauty of Mount Huang and the Li River, and discover the cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Kunming and Xian.



Discover Baisha village



Visit Chengdu's Panda Centre

DAY 10: EXPLORE KUNMING

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. Return to Kunming and in the evening, sample the local delicacy, Across the Bridge noodles.

DAY 11: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Board the bullet train to Dali, a charming town that offers a peek at bygone China. Discover Dali's historic quarter and magnificent, age-old Three Pagodas before an evening stroll through the vibrant Foreigners' Street.

DAY 12: ENCHANTING DALI

Today, explore the village of Xizhou to browse its local market, visit the Yan family home and watch a tie-dying demonstration. Enjoy a relaxing cruise on the mirror-like waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the spectacular scenery provided by the Cang Mountains.

DAY 13: LIJIANG OLD QUARTER

Board the bullet train to Lijiang. Discover the old quarter; the quintessential Chinese 'old town' and wander the jumble of cobbled streets, traditional wooden buildings and rustic stone bridges.

DAY 14: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

The Jade Dragon Snow Mountain comprises of several peaks, the tallest of which soars to 5,500 metres. Taking a cable car, explore one of the gorgeous high meadows and enjoy the amazing vistas. Later, visit Baisha old town to view its spectacular Ming Dynasty frescoes and Baisha village, a settlement of the Naxi minority people.

DAY 15: TRAVEL TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province.

DAY 16: GIANT PANDAS

Visit Chengdu's famous Panda Conservation Base to see and learn about these celebrated bears up close in surroundings that mirror their natural habitat. Take the bullet train to Xian, the starting point of the fabled Silk Road with a history spanning 3,100 years.

DAY 17: TANG DYNASTY DANCING

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts and stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show.

DAYS 18-19: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Board the bullet train to Beijing, China's historical capital. The next day, head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square, and stroll into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Entering through the Gate of Supreme Harmony, you will find a complex full of imperial riches. Later, soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, before learning about evolution of China's railway systems at the China Railway Museum. The day's sightseeing is the perfect way to build up your appetite for Beijing's most famous delicacy – Peking duck.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

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06 Sep - 27 Sep	\$9,980		

2026 DATES

07 Mar - 28 Mar	\$10,890	21 Aug - 11 Sep	\$10,280
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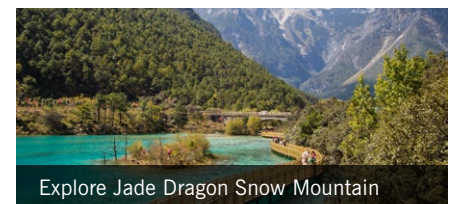
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DAY 20: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate both the sheer magnificence of the wall itself and the dramatic scenery that surrounds it. Visit a jade factory then spend the afternoon at the idyllic Summer Palace, wandering through traditional Chinese gardens and seeing the exquisite architecture.

DAYS 21- 22: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



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- ✓ Visit the Stone Forest
- ✓ Explore Dali and Zhongdian
- ✓ Stay in mystical Lhasa
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River



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- ▶ Venture to a Tibetan village in the highlands of Yunnan province to meet the local community, visit a traditional family home and experience the intriguing blend of the Tibetan and Chinese way of life.
- ▶ Painted during the Ming Dynasty (1368 to 1644) the incredible Baisha Frescoes tell fascinating stories of the daily life, religion and politics of their time and have retained their bright colours and vivid patterns.
- ▶ Cruise on the crystal-clear, tranquil waters of Erhai Lake, admiring the views over the Cang Mountains and sailing past its multiple islands, many replete with colourful temples.

ITINERARY

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DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XIAN

Take the bullet train to Xian and in the evening, enjoy a delicious feast of traditional Shui Jiao dumplings followed by a performance of Tang Dynasty dancing.

DAY 5: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

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DAY 6: REED FLUTE CAVE

Fly to Guilin and visit Reed Flute Cave to see the colourful stalagmites and stalactites.

DAY 7: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a relaxed cruise along the Li River to charming Yangshuo. Around every river bend is a view to take your breath away as jagged karst peaks loom over rural scenes of lush greenery, grazing buffalo and local fishermen. This afternoon you can spend some time browsing Yangshuo's vibrant markets.

DAY 8: YANGSHUO

Begin with a relaxing and invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Explore the countryside and stop on the banks of the Li River for a photo opportunity with a cormorant fisherman. Enjoy time at leisure or choose one of the many optional activities available including cycling or bamboo rafting.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KUNMING

Take a bullet train to Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province.

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Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest, where towering limestone pillars stand tree-like in a fascinating illusion of woodland. This evening, dine on the local dish, 'Across the Bridge' noodles.

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DAY 15: TIGER LEAPING GORGE

Journey to the 3,000-metre-deep Tiger Leaping Gorge. With its backdrop of snow-capped mountains, it is one of China's most extraordinary sights. Next, continue to the monastery town of Zhongdian, also known as Shangri-La. This afternoon is at leisure to acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 16 TIBETAN ZHONGDIAN

Begin the day with a visit to a Tibetan-style village where you will learn about the villagers' way of life. Also visit Dafo Temple, explore the spectacular Songzanlin Monastery and end the day with a tour of the old town.

DAY 17: MYSTICAL LHASA

Fly to the city of Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet. This afternoon is at leisure to help acclimatise to the altitude.

DAY 18: THE BARKHOR CIRCUIT

Lhasa is a modern, fast-growing city, but among the narrow, old, atmospheric streets you will feel a million miles from the modern world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally-dressed locals and explore the Jokhang Temple, the sacred centre of Tibetan Buddhism. There will also be a visit to Sera Monastery, a renowned seat of Buddhist learning, and a local Tibetan arts and crafts shop.

DAY 19: POTALA PALACE

The Potala Palace is an architectural wonder towering over the city from its seat on Marpo Ri (Red Mountain). The Potala, the former winter palace of the Dalai Lama, houses thousands of rooms filled with old treasures from intricate shrines to beautiful frescoes. This afternoon, explore Norbulingka, the former summer residence of the Dalai Lama.

DAY 20: FLY TO CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province. Take a stroll through People's Park to see Matchmaker's Corner, where parents search for suitable partners for their children.

DAY 21: PANDAS

Begin the day with a visit to Chengdu's famous conservation centre. Later, transfer to Chongqing and board your Yangtze River cruise vessel.

DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE RIVER CRUISE

Over the next three days, enjoy various side trips and shore excursions including the Three Gorges Dam. Disembark and board the bullet train to Shanghai.

CLASSIC

CHINA, TIBET

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This really is the ultimate tour for those who want to experience China and Tibet in depth! From modern cities and ancient history to rural villages and spectacular landscapes. With select train journeys included, it really is the perfect way to explore China's top highlights.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

06 May - 01 Jun	\$11,480	02 Sep - 28 Sep	\$11,480
13 May - 08 Jun	\$11,480	07 Oct - 02 Nov	\$11,480

2026 DATES

14 May - 09 Jun	\$12,280	06 Oct - 01 Nov	\$12,280
21 May - 16 Jun	\$12,280	13 Oct - 08 Nov	\$12,280
01 Sep - 27 Sep	\$12,280		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Beijing – Shanghai) 26 days from \$10,280 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$2,200

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DAY 25: EXPLORE SHANGHAI

Shanghai is China's great metropolis, where east and west collide on streets lined with futuristic skyscrapers and 10th-century temples. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory and stroll along the Bund. This evening, view the city from the Huangpu River on a panoramic cruise and enjoy a meal of traditional Shanghainese cuisine.

DAYS 26-27: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to the Australia, arriving home the same or following day.



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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Walk on the Great Wall
- ✓ Face the Terracotta Army
- ✓ Explore charming Dali & Shaxi
- ✓ Cruise the Yangtze River
- ✓ See Jade Dragon Snow Mountain
- ✓ Discover Tiger Leaping Gorge



Wander the streets of Shaxi Ancient Town

PRICE INCLUDES

- 26 breakfasts, 17 lunches & 6 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



The Great Wall at Huanghuacheng

▶ EXPERIENCES YOU'LL LOVE

- ▶ Explore the picturesque Huanghuacheng section of the Great Wall and marvel at the spectacular views over the surrounding countryside. Approach by boat to take full advantage of the incredible scenery.
- ▶ At Weibaoshan, meet with a Taoist priest to learn about the principles of this native philosophy and take part in a guided meditation session amongst these peaceful surroundings.
- ▶ Shaxi Ancient Town is not only a charming place to explore but, as the heart of an area that is home to a number of China's minority people, also is the perfect place to delve into a timeless, rich culture and meet the friendly communities for yourself.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO BEIJING

Fly to Beijing, China's historic capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is at leisure. (D)

DAY 2: FORBIDDEN CITY

Stroll across Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City. Next, visit Yandaixiejie Street where there's time to wander the hutongs. These narrow alleys offer a glimpse of old Beijing. (B,L)

DAY 3: HUANGHUACHENG GREAT WALL

Visit Huanghuacheng, a particularly scenic section of the Great Wall. Reached by boat it boasts spectacular views from the top. Spend the afternoon at leisure exploring colourful Qianmen Street. In the evening, enjoy an optional Peking duck dinner. (B,L)

DAY 4: IMPERIAL SUMMER PALACE

Explore the beautifully designed grounds of the Summer Palace, including the Long Corridor and Marble Boat. Spend time strolling along pretty Kunming Lake and walk up wooded Longevity Hill. Make a photo stop at the Olympic Park. (B,L)

DAY 5: TEMPLE OF HEAVEN

Soak up the harmonious ambience of the Temple of Heaven, a masterpiece of Chinese architecture and orderly oasis in a bustling urban landscape. Take the overnight train to Xian. (B,L)

DAY 6: CYCLING IN XIAN

Start your day with a gentle cycle ride that will take you 14 kilometres around the city wall that enclose Xian's old town. Also wander through the ancient City Wall Park. (B,L)

DAY 7: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Spend the morning gazing over the ranks of warriors and horses, while you are introduced to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Take a walking tour of the Muslim Quarter and enjoy the evening at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 8: TRAIN TO CHENGDU

Take the bullet train to Chengdu. The rest of the day is at leisure. Enjoy an optional hot pot dinner and a 'facechanging' show. (B)

DAY 9: GIANT PANDAS

Visit the Chengdu Panda Conservation Centre and see these adorably charming bears up close. Later, walk around People's Park and Matchmaker's Corner, then stop by a local teahouse. (B,L)

DAY 10: FLY TO LIJIANG

Fly to Lijiang, set in the foothills of the magnificent Jade Dragon Snow Mountain. (B)

DAY 11: JADE DRAGON SNOW MOUNTAIN

Take a cable car to one of the high meadows and enjoy the vistas. Visit the minority Naxi village and admire the fascinating Baisha frescoes painted during the Ming Dynasty. (B,L)

DAY 12: TIGER LEAPING GORGE (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or trek to Tiger Leaping Gorge, through dramatic cliffs and down into the gorge itself. (B)

DAY 13: SHAXI ANCIENT TOWN

Discover Lijiang's historic old town. Drive to Shaxi Ancient Town, nestled deep in the Himalayan foothills and learn about the minority people who call it home. Drive to Dali. (B,L)



GO BEYOND
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

This flexible, slower-paced tour has time for independent exploration or immersive options. As well as vibrant cities, discover the charms of Yangshuo, delightful Dali, and quaint Lijiang. Plus, experience China's renowned bullet train network.



DAY 14: WEIBAOSHAN (OPTIONAL)

Enjoy the day at leisure or take an optional visit to Weibaoshan, one of the fourteen sacred Taoist mountains. Steeped in legend, the mountain features 20 Taoist temples nestled on its forested slopes. Walk up the hillside to see a handful of intricately decorated temples and meet a Taoist priest for a meditation session. (B)

DAY 15: DALI'S ANCIENT TOWN

Visit the Three Pagodas and the Old Town. Also stroll along Foreigner's Street and enjoy time at leisure. In the afternoon, drive to Kunming. (B,L)

DAY 16: STONE FOREST

Meander through the formations of the UNESCO-listed Stone Forest. Return to Kunming to visit Green Lake Park and have an evening at leisure, perhaps enjoying the vibrant Wenhua Alley district. (B,L)

DAY 17: BEAUTIFUL GUILIN

Take the bullet train to Guilin, visit the Reed Flute Cave and walk around the lakes before enjoying the evening at leisure. You may wish to stroll Zhengyang Street. (B,L)

DAY 18: HIKING IN LONGJI (OPTIONAL)

Today, there is an option to take a four-hour hike in the stunning rice terraces of Longji. Otherwise, spend more time in Guilin. (B)

DAY 19: LI RIVER CRUISE

Take a gentle cruise along the Li River to Yangshuo. Lined with dramatic limestone cliffs, the serenity of life on the riverbanks is a wonderful sight. Take a walk through this idyllic wonderland and get an insight into life here.

There's an option to hike to the top of Moon Hill or Ruyi Peak for epic views. (B,L)

DAY 20: YANGSHUO TAI CHI

Start the day with an invigorating session of Tai Chi, taking a class with a master to learn this ancient martial art. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or take part in an optional activity. (B)

DAY 21: ANCIENT CIQIKOU

Visit a pearl museum before taking a bullet train to Chongqing. Explore the charming old town of Ciqikou at leisure before boarding your Yangtze cruise vessel. (B,D)

DAYS 22-24: YANGTZE CRUISE

A cruise down the Yangtze reveals some of the world's most dramatic scenery. Over the next few days, visit the Three Gorges Dam and enjoy various side trips and shore excursions. Disembark your cruise vessel, then travel by bullet train from Yichang to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

DAY 25: DISCOVER SHANGHAI

Wake up to the buzz of Shanghai and take a breakfast walking tour between shimmering skyscrapers and traditional streets. Visit Yu Garden, the old town, a silk factory, stroll along the Bund and cruise along Huangpu River. (B,L)

DAY 26: ZHUJIAJIAO (OPTIONAL)

Join the optional day tour to delightful Zhujiajiao, or spend time at leisure in Shanghai. This evening, enjoy the ERA show and a delicious farewell dinner. (B,D)

DAYS 27- 28: FLY SHANGHAI TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

PRICES & DEPARTURES
Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES			
08 Apr - 05 May	\$9,580	02 Sep - 29 Sep	\$9,580
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2026 DATES			
31 Mar - 27 Apr	\$9,980	01 Sep - 28 Sep	\$9,980
05 May - 01 Jun	\$9,780	06 Oct - 02 Nov	\$9,980

Flight and supplement information

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- Single supplement from \$2,320

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MOST MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Face the Terracotta Warriors
- ✓ Wander the Barkhor circuit
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- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



Overnight on the Qinghai-Tibet train

► RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Lose yourself in spectacular views from your shared four-berth soft sleeper cabin on a 21-hour journey from Xining to Lhasa.
- The rail route crosses an astounding number of bridges, spanning deep ravines and rushing rivers.
- The 5,072 metre Tanggula Pass is the peak of the world's highest railway.
- To help keep the effects of altitude at bay, the train's oxygen levels are adjusted throughout the journey.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN

Fly overnight to Xian, an ancient city with an illustrious history. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture. (D)

DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

After their fortuitous discovery in the 1970s, the Terracotta Army of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang, has intrigued visitors ever since. Spend the morning viewing the enigmatic ranks of life-sized warriors and horses. Also visit the workshop to see where the warriors are intricately recreated in the style of their ancient counterparts and stroll on the beautifully preserved 14th-century city walls that enclose Xian's old town. In the evening, enjoy a dumpling feast and Tang Dynasty dancing show. (B,L,D)

DAY 4: BULLET TRAIN TO XINING

Board the five-hour bullet train to Xining, the capital city of Qinghai province in western China. See the 618-metre-long hand-painted thangka at the Qinghai Tibet Cultural Centre, then explore the local night markets. (B,L,D)



See Tibetan Monks

DAY 5: OVERNIGHT TRAIN TO LHASA

Spend the morning exploring the sacred Kumbum Monastery, also known as Ta'er Temple. Later transfer to the railway station to embark on one of the most adventurous rail journeys out there, the 21-hour overnight train to Lhasa onboard the Qinghai-Tibet Railway. (B,L)

DAY 6: ARRIVE LHASA

Riding the highest railway in the world, under the gaze of 5,000 metre plus mountain peaks, you'll cross a range of astonishing high landscapes and traverse the breathtaking Tanggula Pass (5,231 metres) on your journey across the 'roof of the world'. Arrive in Lhasa, the heart and soul of Tibet, in the afternoon. The rest of the day is free to relax and acclimatise to the altitude. (D)

DAY 7: JOKHANG TEMPLE

Lhasa is a modern city growing fast, but among the old streets at its heart, you will feel a million miles from today's world. Wander around the Barkhor Circuit with traditionally dressed locals and prostrating pilgrims before entering the Jokhang Temple. Inside, the devotion is palpable as queues of people worship in the flickering light of yak butter candles. Continue to the great monastery of Sera, where you'll see a famous monk debate. This evening, enjoy a tasty Tibetan dinner and dance performance. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: POTALA PALACE

Visit the magnificent Potala Palace, the world's largest monastery and the seat of the Dalai Lama. Then, visit Norbulingka, the summer residence of the Dalai Lama, set in parkland just outside of the city. (B,L)



GO BEYOND
CHINA, TIBET

PHYSICAL RATING 4

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Take the world's highest railway journey to reach the 'roof of the world' where you'll be immersed in the epic landscapes and spirituality of Tibet. Much of this tour is spent at altitude, including the experience of a lifetime – a visit to Everest Base Camp.



DAY 9: TRAIN TO SHIGATSE

Travel across Tibet's stark plains to Shigatse. Dominated by a fort reminiscent of the Potala, this is Tibet's second city and the traditional seat of the Panchen Lama. Enjoy some free time to explore the local markets. (B,L,D)

DAY 10: SHIGATSE

Visit Shalu and Tashilhunpo Monastery, which was founded in 1447 by the first Dalai Lama. Join the pilgrims on their 'kora' – a circumambulation of the sacred building. (B,L,D)

DAY 11: EVEREST BASE CAMP

Rise early to drive through incredible Himalayan scenery to Rongbuk Township. Here, with Mount Everest (called Qomolangma in Tibetan) dominating the horizon, you can stop by the world's highest post office and the Everest Base Camp Boundary Monument. Situated under the gaze of the mountain's north face, the views of the world's highest peak are unsurpassed (weather permitting). Stay overnight in the Tibetan tent camp or guesthouse (depending on weather). (B,L,D)

DAY 12: SUNRISE OVER EVEREST

Get up at dawn to see the most glorious sunrise over Everest (weather permitting). Return to Shigatse, via the Tso La Pass and Gyatso La Pass for awe-inspiring views. (B,L,D)

DAY 13: GYANTSE

Travel to the charming town of Gyantse, where you'll visit the Kumbum and the Tsang Traditional Folk House to see a traditional kitchen and taste some local snacks and homebrewed 'chang'. (B,L,D)

DAY 14: TSEDANG

Travel along the Brahmaputra River to Tsedang. Visit Gangpo Ri, where legend tells the Tibetan people were born. (B,L,D)

DAY 15: YUMBULHAKANG PALACE

Perched on a hill over the Yarlung River, the ancient Yumbulhakang Palace is said to have been the first building in Tibet and the palace of the first Tibetan king. Continue to Tradruk Monastery and the King's Tomb. Return to Lhasa. (B,L)

DAY 16: CHENGDU

Fly to Chengdu, transferring to your hotel on arrival. The rest of the day will be at leisure for you to relax or explore, with a farewell dinner this evening. (B,D)

DAYS 17 -18: FLY CHENGDU TO AUSTRALIA

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to Australia, arriving home the same or following day. (B)

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2026 DATES			
10 Apr - 27 Apr	\$9,980	21 Aug - 07 Sep	\$9,980
08 May - 25 May	\$9,980	04 Sep - 21 Sep	\$9,980
22 May - 08 Jun	\$9,980	09 Oct - 26 Oct	\$9,980

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Xian – Chengdu) 16 days from \$8,380 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,770

Important note

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ALL MEALS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Visit Kashgar Sunday Bazaar
- ✓ Admire Jiayu Fortress
- ✓ Explore Tibetan Xiahe
- ✓ See the Rainbow Mountains
- ✓ Discover Mogao Grottoes
- ✓ Experience the Taklamakan Desert



See the sunrise over the beautiful Rainbow Mountains

PRICE INCLUDES

- 25 breakfasts, 24 lunches & 25 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



Travel through the Xinjiang region

► RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The train journeys on this tour follow the path of the ancient Silk Road, stopping at important trading hubs and cultural centres.
- Trains on China's high-speed rail network can reach impressive speeds of 350km/h.
- China's high-speed trains feature coffee shops for drinks and snacks.
- Large seats have a partial recline and plenty of legroom.

ITINERARY

DAYS 1-2: FLY OVERNIGHT TO XIAN

Fly overnight to Xian, the ancient former capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 3: TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Gaze over the ranks of warriors and horses, each one unique, whilst your guide introduces you to these life-like soldiers' fascinating story. Later, enjoy a gentle cycle ride that will take you the 14 kilometres around the ancient city wall and take a walking tour of the narrow and winding streets of the Muslim Quarter. Tonight, enjoy a traditional dumpling dinner and take an optional 'Xian by night' tour.

DAY 4: TRAIN TO LANZHOU

Start the day with a visit to the ancient City Wall Park and Sculptures of Silk Road. Later, board the bullet train to Lanzhou.

DAYS 5-6: EXPLORE LANZHOU

Begin today with a leisurely walk along the Yellow River and then head to the hilltop Baita Temple for a moment of tranquillity. Along the river and in Baita Park you can see locals practising Tai Chi. Later, tuck into some delicious Lanzhou-style noodles made with hand stretched dough. The next day, cross Liujiaxia Lake by speed boat and head into the green hills around Liujiaxia to explore the extraordinary Thousand Buddha Caves of Bingling Temple and their wealth of Buddhist murals, statues and sculptures. Also visit the statue of Maitreya.

DAY 7: TIBETAN XIAHE

Conquer the scenic Jishi Mountain Pass to arrive at Tibetan Xiahe and spend time acclimatising to the altitude.

DAY 8: LABRANG MONASTERY

Offering a taste of Tibetan mystery, visit Labrang Monastery, a fascinating maze of prayer wheels, chapels and chortens. Dine on traditional Tibetan food for lunch, including Tibetan dumplings, known as momos.

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO ZHANGYE

Return to Lanzhou and take the speedy bullet train to Zhangye, once an important commercial town along the Silk Road.

DAY 10: RAINBOW MOUNTAINS

Rise early this morning to witness the sunrise over the kaleidoscopic mountains in Danxia National Park. Return to Zhangye and visit the Giant Buddha Temple before boarding your bullet train to Jiayuguan.

DAY 11: GREAT WALL AT JIAYUGUAN

Seen as China's western gateway, Jiayuguan is the perfect place to get to grips with your Silk Road history. Visit the Jiayu Fortress and take a walk on the western extremes of the magnificent Great Wall for panoramic views over the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert.

DAY 12: CITY OF SANDS

Drive to Dunhuang. Located on a major trade and cultural crossroads, Dunhuang, known as the 'City of the Sands', sits in a verdant oasis on the edge of the Taklamakan Desert. Visit the Shazhou Night Market where you can wander amongst the stalls.

DAY 13: MOGAO GROTTOES

A system of temples and sanctuaries, visit the Mogao Grottoes that exhibit wonderful examples of Buddhist paintings and statues that span thousands of years.



GO BEYOND
CHINA

PHYSICAL RATING

IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?
Follow in the footsteps of intrepid adventurers by journeying along one of the world's most famous trading routes, the Silk Road. Beginning in ancient Xian, venture across this vast land to Kashgar. Expect long journeys on this tour.



Spin prayer wheels at Labrang Monastery



Discover Crescent Moon Spring

DAY 14: SINGING SAND DUNES

Visit Crescent Moon Spring, nestled amongst rolling dunes and the famous Singing Sand Dunes, a phenomenon produced by the wind blowing through grains of sand.

DAY 15: TURPAN

Take the bullet train to Turpan, a lush green oasis set in a barren landscape. An easy-going town famed for its grapes, its pleasant streets are lined with lush vine trellises.

DAY 16: EXPLORE TURPAN

Visit the ruins of ancient Jiaohe and see the elegant Emin Minaret, the tallest in China.

DAY 17: KURLA

Learn about the fascinating 2000-year-old Karez irrigation canals and drive to Kurla.

DAYS 18-20: THE SILK ROAD

Over the next three days travel along the original Silk Road through the Xinjiang Region, viewing ruins and sights largely unvisited by tourists. Start with a visit to see the ruins of Subashi, before arriving in Kuqa to see the Kyzil Thousand Buddha Caves. Continue travelling to Aksu, and on to the fabled city of Kashgar.

DAY 21: EXPLORE KASHGAR

Its skyline punctured by minarets, Kashgar feels a million miles from China – in fact, it feels a million miles from anywhere! Although now a modern city, the sights and sounds of Kashgar's bazaar have remained unchanged for millennia. Sightseeing today includes a visit to Abakh Hoja Tomb, Id Kah Mosque and a stroll through the narrow atmospheric alleyways around Id Kah Square.

DAY 22: KASHGAR SUNDAY BAZAAR

Dive headlong into Central Asia's largest bazaar. Within this riot of textures, vivid colours and traditional dress, you can browse hundreds of stalls selling anything from spices and carpets to boots and blenders. Later, fly to Urumqi.

DAY 23: HEAVENLY LAKE

Escape to the tranquillity of Tianchi (Heavenly Lake), formed in a crater. Visit a Kazak Folk Cultural Village and spend some time learning about their way of life.

DAY 24: URUMQI

Make a short visit to the Xinjiang Museum before flying to Beijing, China's historic capital.

DAY 25: THE GREAT WALL

This morning is dedicated to China's most iconic sight – the Great Wall. Taking a walk on this incredible structure is the best way to appreciate the sheer magnificence of the wall itself. In the afternoon, enjoy the idyllic landscapes of the Summer Palace as you wander through traditional Chinese gardens and see the exquisite architecture.

DAY 26: IMPERIAL BEIJING

Head to Beijing's symbolic heart, Tiananmen Square and into the sprawling magnificence of the Forbidden City where you will find a complex full of imperial treasures. Soak up the ambience of the Temple of Heaven before visiting Yandaixiejie, where you will have some free time to wander the hutongs. This evening, dine on Peking duck and enjoy a Chinese acrobatic show.

DAYS 27-28: FLY BEIJING TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

PRICES & DEPARTURES
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MEALS AS STATED

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EXTENSION HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ See Gyeongbok Palace
- ✓ Taste delicious Korean street food
- ✓ Explore historic Gyeongju
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Discover the Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto

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- Accommodation (3 nights Seoul, 1 night Gyeongju)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

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Travel on Korea's KTX bullet train

RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Korea's state-of-the-art trains rival Japan's shinkansen for their smooth ride, comfort, convenience, and onboard amenities.
- ▶ Trains on Korea's high-speed rail network can reach impressive speeds of 350km/h.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE SEOUL

Make your way to Seoul, South Korea's capital. Upon arrival, you will be met by your driver and transferred to your hotel. This dynamic city may be well and truly on fast-forward for everything from fashion to technology, but it is still deeply rooted in tradition. Stumble upon temples and palaces amongst the glittering skyscrapers and neon billboards and enjoy Seoul's foodie credentials – the street snacks are second to none!

DAY 2: EXPLORE SEOUL

Take a full day to explore some of Seoul's many treasures with a local guide. Start at Gyeongbok Palace, the country's most famous and beautiful royal palace, where, as well as exploring, you will see the Royal Guard Changing Ceremony. Next, visit symbolic Namsan Park and N Seoul Tower before heading to Gwangjang Market to taste some of Seoul's best street food. This evening you have the option of watching a traditional music and dance performance at Korea House (payable locally). (B)

DAY 3: HISTORIC GYEONGJU

Meet your driver-guide and transfer to Seoul station. Travel on the KTX bullet train to Gyeongju. Located in the southeastern corner of North Gyeongsang Province, this city was the ancient capital of the Silla Kingdom, which ruled part of the Korean peninsula from the year 57BC to 935AD. Gyeongju is a living museum, home to a staggering amount of heritage sites, from tombs and temples to pagodas and palaces. On arrival, meet your driver and start discovering historic Gyeongju.

Head to Mount Tohamsan and the UNESCO World Heritage listed site – Bulguksa Temple and Seokguram Grotto. The temple is considered a masterpiece of Silla architecture whilst Seokguram Grotto, a hermitage, is home to some of the world's best Buddhist sculptures. There will also be time to enjoy the vistas around Bomun Lake. Stay overnight in Gyeongju. (B,L)

DAY 4: RETURN TO SEOUL

Meet your driver-guide to further explore Gyeongju. Start at the National Museum and marvel at its collection of Silla relics. Continue to Tumuli Park with its many royal tombs before heading to the 7th-century Cheomseongdae Observatory, the oldest surviving observatory in East Asia. Finally, visit Anapji Pond. Return by bullet train to Seoul where the evening is at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 5: DEPART SEOUL

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)



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- ✓ Ride the Pingxi Valley line
- ✓ Ascend Taipei 101
- ✓ Discover Taroko Gorge
- ✓ Unwind at Sun Moon Lake
- ✓ Explore beautiful Alishan
- ✓ Journey on the high-speed rail



Glide down Taiwan's east coast on the train to Hualien

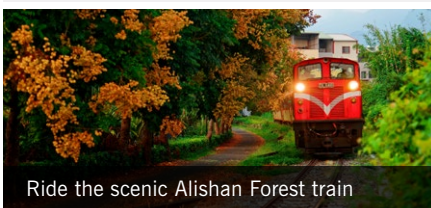
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CATEGORY	TWIN SHARE	SOLO TRAVELLER
Standard	\$4,480	\$8,090

Price includes:

- Accommodation (4 nights Taipei, 1 night Hualien, 1 night Sun Moon Lake, 1 night Alishan)
- Meals as stated
- Transportation as stated
- Private touring with guides and entrance fees

This tour makes a wonderful extension to our China & Japan tours. Please ask your Wendy Wu Tours consultant for details.



Ride the scenic Alishan Forest train

RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ride along the historical single-track Pingxi Line, once used to transport coal to remote villages savouring the beauty of mountain cliffs, streams, and waterfalls along the way.
- ▶ Travel on a local train down the east coast from Taipei to Hualien.
- ▶ Explore the highest narrow-gauge mountain railway in Asia on the Alishan Forest Train.
- ▶ Experience the thrill of the West Coast high-speed train – reaching top speeds of 300 km/h.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVE TAIPEI

Make your own way to Taipei, the laidback, vibrant city that is Taiwan's capital. On arrival, you will be met by a driver and transferred to your hotel.

DAY 2: PINGXI LINE TOUR

After breakfast, meet your guide at the hotel lobby and head to Taipei railway station by public transport to take the train to Ruifang. Here you will start your guided tour along the scenic eight-mile Pingxi Line, originally built to transport coal through the rugged Pingxi Valley. There are 12 stations on Pingxi Line and your guide will recommend the best places to hop on and off to explore the country villages and waterfalls. After touring, take the train back to Taipei. (B,L)

DAY 3: TAIPEI CITY TOUR

Today you will explore Taipei by public transport with your local guide, starting with a visit to the National Palace Museum. View the Chiang Kai-Shek (CKS) Memorial Hall, a monument dedicated to the former leader. (B,L)

DAY 4: TAROKO GORGE

After breakfast, an assistant will accompany you by taxi to the train station for your train to Hualien on which you'll glide down Taiwan's east coast with the ocean on the left and mountains on the right. On arrival meet your English-speaking guide/driver for your tour of Taroko Gorge. Explore the spectacular Taroko Gorge Gateway, Tunnel of Nine Turns, Eternal Spring Shrine, Swallow Grotto and Buluowan suspension bridge. This evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel followed by a performance of indigenous singing and dancing. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: SUN MOON LAKE

This morning travel by road to Sun Moon Lake, cruising along the picturesque Central Cross-Island Highway, said to be the most picturesque route in Taiwan. A designated National Scenic Area, you'll drive along the lake to soak up all the natural beauty around you, visiting Wenwu Temple with its beautiful lake views. Stay overnight at Sun Moon Lake. (B)

DAY 6: YUYUPAS TEA GARDENS

Depart your hotel after breakfast, travelling by road to historic Jiji Old Town. After exploring the town's sights with your guide, continue to Yuyupas, an indigenous cultural park dedicated to showcasing the Tsou culture and surrounded by extensive tea gardens. Enjoy a tea-tasting experience before transferring to Alishan. (B)

DAY 7: ALISHAN FOREST

This morning, enjoy a short ride on the Alishan Forest Train, the highest narrow-gauge train in Asia, as it winds its way through dense forests, before exploring the Alishan Forest Recreation Park. Later, the high-speed train will whisk you back to Taipei, where the rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

DAY 8: DEPART TAIPEI

Your day is at leisure until the time comes to transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Wake to a Halong Bay sunrise
- ✓ Experience a journey on the iconic Reunification Express
- ✓ Be inspired by charming Hoi An
- ✓ Discover the Cu Chi Tunnels
- ✓ Explore the waterways of the Mekong Delta



Ride Vietnam's Reunification Express

PRICE INCLUDES

- 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches & 12 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 4 star accommodation and 1 overnight train
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Maximum group size of 18



Experience Vietnam's scenic rail journeys

► RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience Vietnam's historic Reunification Express as you embark on two rail journeys along the scenic north-to-south route.
- Travel in the comfort of the Lotus Express on the epic overnight journey and wake to the captivating vista of Vietnam's diverse landscapes.
- Board the comfortable Heritage Train for a 3-hour journey along the coast hugging the South China Sea and through the Hai Van Pass.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO HANOI

Fly to Hanoi, Vietnam's vibrant capital. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: HANOI BY CYCLO

Begin your day at the Ethnology Museum, with its mesmerising displays exploring the country's 54 ethnic minority groups. In its grounds are a range of full-size replica longhouses demonstrating traditional ways of life in rural Vietnam. After lunch, cross the Red Bridge over Hoan Kiem Lake to visit Ngoc Son Temple before embarking on a cyclo tour of Hanoi's Old Quarter. Wrap up your day with a foodie tour through the city.

DAY 3: EXPLORE HANOI

Explore the sights of Hanoi by foot on today's walking tour. Begin in the Ho Chi Minh Quarter, where you will gain an insight into the Vietnamese War before visiting the Humble House on Stilts, the residence of Ho Chi Minh in the grounds of the Presidential Palace, and his mausoleum. After lunch, visit the One Pillar Pagoda and serene Temple of Literature, Hanoi's first university.

DAY 4: CRUISE HALONG BAY

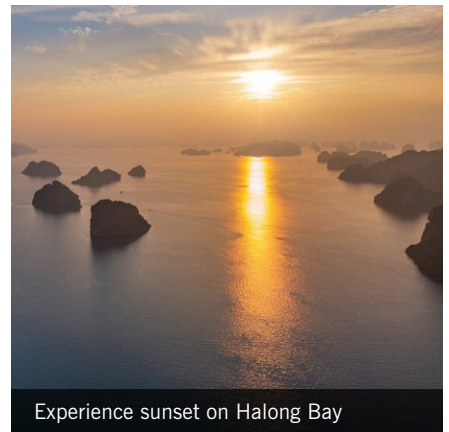
Head to Halong Bay, where you will embark on an unforgettable two-night cruise through this famously beautiful seascape. Enjoy lunch onboard as you cruise out into the bay, stopping to anchor for an afternoon of activities such as kayaking, swimming, or relaxing on an island beach. End the day on deck with a drink in hand to watch the sunset, followed by a freshly prepared dinner, before retiring to your cabin for the night.

DAY 5: VISIT FLOATING VILLAGES

Rise early to enjoy a Tai Chi lesson on deck as the sun rises, and admire the changing seascapes as you continue deeper into the bay. Visit floating villages, hidden caves, and sandy beaches before another night on board.

DAY 6: OVERNIGHT TRAIN

Cruise back to port, stopping en route to visit one of the bay's impressive caves. Disembark after an early lunch and prepare to board your overnight train to Hue as you make your first journey on the iconic Reunification Express. Completed under French colonial rule in 1936, this iconic railway line between Hanoi and Saigon became known as the Reunification Express after trains started running between the north and south again in 1976. Travel in the comfort of the Lotus Express carriages and be captivated by Vietnam's diverse landscapes as you leave the country's capital.



Experience sunset on Halong Bay



Explore Hoi An's old town



Wander the Imperial City of Hue

DAY 7: EXPLORE HUE

Disembark the Reunification Express as you arrive in Hue this morning. The epitome of Vietnam's dynastic past, Hue is a dignified and scholarly city. Visit the imposing Imperial Citadel and Forbidden Purple City. The magnificent centrepiece of the Royal Empire, the citadel was extensively damaged during the Vietnam War. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Royal Tomb of Minh Mang, a complex of 40 monuments set in surroundings of gardens and pools. Continue to the old Thien Mu Pagoda before taking a cruise on the Perfume River.

DAY 8: RIDE THE REUNIFICATION LINE

Hop back on board the Reunification Express in Hue and take what is considered one of the world's most scenic rail journeys over a mountain pass and along the coast to Danang. Continue by road to charming Hoi An, a wonderfully laid-back and traditional city. This afternoon, venture out of Hoi An to Tra Que, a small farming community that supplies many hotels and restaurants in the area with vegetables and herbs. Here you can enjoy the lush green countryside and stroll through the gardens to see the farmers at work.

DAY 9: EXPLORE HOI AN

Head out on a walking tour of the Old Town, visiting the Chua Ong Chinese Pagoda, a 200-year-old merchant house, and the Japanese Covered Bridge. Stop by the Hoi An Folklore Museum for an insight into the local life before enjoying the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore Hoi An. You may wish to visit one of the many boutique shops or head to the local beach to relax.

DAY 10: FLY TO SAIGON

Transfer to Danang and fly to Saigon, Vietnam's bustling southern city. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure as you start to soak up the vibrant atmosphere before an exciting performance of the A O show this evening, showcasing the talented local circus performers, dancers, athletes, and artists.

DAY 11: DISCOVER SAIGON

Discover the reality of guerrilla warfare at the Cu Chi Tunnels, which were central to the Viet Cong's military operations, including the Tet Offensive. For a truly authentic insight into the war, meet a Vietnamese veteran and hear his story. This afternoon, explore the city's heady mix of local culture and colonial influences, admiring major landmarks like the Notre-Dame Cathedral and Central Post Office before spending time at the poignant War Remnants Museum.

DAY 12: EXPLORE THE MEKONG DELTA

Journey to My Tho to take a cruise on the Mekong. Paddle through the maze of palm-lined canals and get a glimpse of daily life on the Mekong Delta. Enjoy a lunch of typical Mekong dishes. Make a stop at Vinh Trang Pagoda en route back to Saigon.

DAYS 13-14: FLY SAIGON TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or the following day.

CLASSIC
VIETNAM

PHYSICAL RATING

**IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?**

Explore the fascinating Vietnam using a variety of transport methods including slow and relaxed train journeys on sections of the symbolic Reunification Line, a unique and wonderful experience in itself.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

18 Feb - 03 Mar	\$6,980	04 Nov - 17 Nov	\$6,980
14 Oct - 27 Oct	\$6,980	18 Nov - 01 Dec	\$6,980
21 Oct - 03 Nov	\$6,980		

2026 DATES

06 Jan - 19 Jan	\$7,480	13 Oct - 26 Oct	\$7,480
13 Jan - 26 Jan	\$7,480	20 Oct - 02 Nov	\$7,480
03 Feb - 16 Feb	\$7,480	03 Nov - 16 Nov	\$7,480
24 Feb - 09 Mar	\$7,480	17 Nov - 30 Nov	\$7,480
10 Mar - 23 Mar	\$7,480		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Hanoi – Saigon) 13 days from \$5,880 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,680

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$75pp (AU\$112pp) is paid locally in Vietnam.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

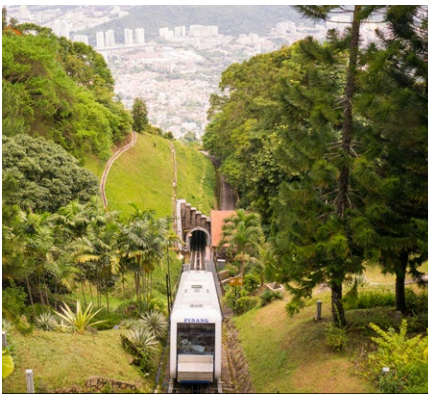
- ✓ Explore Singapore's Sky Garden
- ✓ Visit the Cameron Highlands
- ✓ Swim in Cheow Lan Lake
- ✓ Discover Bangkok's iconic sights
- ✓ Cross the bridge over the River Kwai



Cross the famous bridge on the River Kwai by train

PRICE INCLUDES

- 16 breakfasts, 15 lunches & 16 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Maximum group size of 18



Ride Penang Hill's historic funicular train

RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Ride the fascinating Penang Hill funicular railway up to a spectacular viewpoint, where a cup of tea and pastry will be waiting.
- ▶ Take three journeys on Malaysia's electric trains, with their comfortable air-conditioned carriages running at up to 140kmph.
- ▶ Explore the infamous Death Railway (Thai-Burma Railway), and pay respects to its builders at the Allied POW Cemetery.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO SINGAPORE

Fly to Singapore and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: EXPLORE SINGAPORE

Begin at the orchid gardens then take a walking tour of the Civic District, where you can admire the beautiful colonial landmarks. It's on to the famous shopping street, Orchard Road, and a ride on a bumboat to see the city from a different perspective. There's some free time before an evening visit to the beautifully illuminated Sky Garden.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO MALACCA

Cross the bridge from Singapore to Johor Bahru in Malaysia. Drive through the Malay countryside to the historic town of Malacca, arriving in the late afternoon. Later, cruise Malacca's old canals as the sun sets.

DAY 4: DISCOVER MALACCA

Immerse yourself in Malacca's multi-faceted heritage with a tour of its fascinating Old Town, where a blend of empires have left their mark. Stroll the Street of Harmony, where Hindu, Chinese and Muslim places of worship sit side by side, stopping at a local craft museum. This afternoon head to Tampin Station to hop on the train to Kuala Lumpur. Here, your explorations begin with a street food tour.

DAY 5: BATU CAVES

Ride the city metro 30 minutes out of the city to visit the Batu Caves, one of Malaysia's most important Hindu temples. Return to Kuala Lumpur and visit the city's highlights.

These include Masjid Jamek and the landmarks of the Old District – Sutan Abdul Samad Clock Tower, Independence Square, and the Central Market. Ascend to the KL Tower's Skydeck for views of the city skyline, dominated by the Petronas Twin Towers.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO CAMERON HIGHLANDS

Enjoy breakfast before catching the 08.55 service train to Tapah Road. After lunch, take a scenic road trip into the Cameron Highlands, stopping at Lata Iskandar Waterfall. Pause at an indigenous Orang Asli roadside shop that sells forest honey and handicrafts, where the chief may extend an invitation to visit the village.

DAY 7: MOSSY FOREST WALK

Embark on a relaxed uphill hike to see the Mossy Forest, where you can find exotic plants like ferns and pitcher plants. At the top you'll be rewarded with beautiful panoramas. Drive to a tea plantation to learn about local tea production then continue to Ipoh. Board a train to Penang, travelling through picturesque countryside and crossing Bukit Merah Lake, arriving in George Town.



Experience Singapore's Sky Garden



CLASSIC

SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA & THAILAND

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Make your way by train from Singapore through Malaysia to Penang, flying over the border into Thailand to travel from Phuket to Bangkok, exploring spectacular landscapes, culture-filled cities, and plenty of local cuisine en route.



See James Bond Island

DAY 8: PENANG HILL

Spend the morning exploring the heritage-rich streets of George Town and pay a visit to the Penang Peranakan Mansion to see its fascinating antiques. After lunch, head to the foot of Penang Hill and board the historic funicular train to reach the top. Pause for a cup of tea and pastry at the century-old-bungalow-turned-restaurant then take on a canopy walkway through the protected rainforest before strolling the trails of the forest floor.

DAY 9: FLY TO PHUKET

Transfer to the airport for a lunchtime flight to Phuket. On arrival, embark on a whirlwind journey through this intriguing island before tasting local treats on a street food tour. As dusk falls head to a bustling night market.

DAY 10: JAMES BOND ISLAND

Hop in a speedboat and head out on an exploration of the spectacular Phang Nga Bay, home to some of Thailand's most gorgeous scenery. Stop at Panak Island and discover its mysterious caves by canoe then zip around Koh Tapu, also called 'James Bond Island', featured in 1974 film *The Man with the Golden Gun*.

DAY 11: PHUKET ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

This morning, you'll support ethical tourism with a memorable visit to the Phuket Elephant Sanctuary. Observe elephants in their natural habitat of lush tropical jungle, feed them, and learn about their individual stories. After lunch, head north to Khao Lak and visit the Tsunami Museum, a poignant memorial dedicated to the people affected by the 2004 tsunami. Continue to Takua Pa and explore its old town, a treasure trove of cultural gems, before returning to Khao Lak.

DAY 12: MANGROVE EXPERIENCE

Drive to the Thaplamu river delta for an immersive cultural experience at Baan Tha Din Deang village. Enjoy a relaxing kayak journey through the mangroves, and find out more about this vital eco-system before enjoying a locally prepared lunch. Learn more about the village's former tin mining industry as you explore some of its remains. Return to Khao Lak in the afternoon.

DAY 13: TRAIN TO HUA HIN

Transfer from Khao Lak to Surat Thani to catch a train to Hua Hin. Meandering up the coast there are plenty of excellent views to enjoy on the journey.

DAY 14: TRAIN TO BANGKOK

After breakfast, enjoy a morning at leisure as you will be free to explore the beachside delights of Hua Hin. This afternoon, transfer to Petchaburi Train Station. Take Train No.40 back to Bangkok. The journey is around 170km and will take approximately 2hrs35mins. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel for check in. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening.

DAY 15: DEATH RAILWAY

Take a day trip to Kanchanaburi where, in a beautiful forest setting, you can discover more about its role during WWII. Visit the railway museum, Allied War Cemetery, Hellfire Pass and ride the Death Railway, crossing the famous bridge on the River Kwai.

DAY 16: BANGKOK CITY TOUR

This morning, discover Bangkok's highlights on a city tour that features the Grand Palace, the Temple of the Emerald Buddha and Wat Pho. Stop by the amulet market to learn about these Buddhist charms. After lunch, the afternoon is at leisure before a farewell dinner.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

15 Feb - 04 Mar	\$11,990	25 Oct - 11 Nov	\$11,990
22 Feb - 11 Mar	\$11,990	01 Nov - 18 Nov	\$11,990
01 Mar - 18 Mar	\$11,990	08 Nov - 25 Nov	\$11,990
15 Mar - 01 Apr	\$11,990	15 Nov - 02 Dec	\$11,990

2026 DATES

31 Jan - 17 Feb	\$12,480	31 Oct - 17 Nov	\$12,480
21 Feb - 10 Mar	\$12,480	07 Nov - 24 Nov	\$12,480
07 Mar - 24 Mar	\$12,480	14 Nov - 01 Dec	\$12,480
14 Mar - 31 Mar	\$12,480	21 Nov - 08 Dec	\$12,480
24 Oct - 10 Nov	\$12,480		

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Singapore – Bangkok) 17 days from \$10,890 per person, twin share Single supplement from \$2,290

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

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DAYS 17-18: FLY BANGKOK TO AUSTRALIA

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ride the toy train in Shimla
- ✓ Watch the flag lowering ceremony at the Wagah border
- ✓ Marvel at the Taj Mahal
- ✓ Experience a Pooja ceremony
- ✓ Cruise the waters of the River Ganges



Ride Shimla's toy train

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ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO DELHI

Upon your arrival at Delhi International Airport, you will be greeted by your National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours and transferred to your hotel. Settle into your accommodation for a one-night stay.

DAY 2: EXPLORE DELHI

Begin your day with a drive alongside the magnificent Red Fort, taking in the awe-inspiring beauty of its red sandstone structure. Next, embark on a delightful rickshaw ride through the lively streets of Old Delhi, before proceeding to the renowned Jama Masjid. After lunch, fly to Amritsar, eagerly anticipating the adventure that lies ahead.

DAY 3: DISCOVER AMRITSAR

Today starts with a morning visit to the historically significant Jallianwala Bagh, a poignant public garden in Amritsar. Continue your exploration by visiting the remarkable Durgiana Temple, and in the afternoon, embark on a scenic drive to the Wagah border, to witness the ceremonial flag lowering ceremony.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO SHIMLA

Catch your morning train and enjoy the picturesque journey as you head towards Chandigarh. Continue by road to the hill station of Shimla, where you will take a walking tour to Mall Road. Explore The Ridge, a spacious open space offering panoramic views of the surrounding hills, and marvel at the architectural beauty of Christ Church, a landmark of Shimla's colonial heritage.

DAY 5: SHIMLA

Today begins with an enchanting toy train experience from Shimla to Kandaghat. Return to Shimla by car to enjoy a city tour visiting the Indian Institute of Advanced Studies. Explore the grandeur of this architectural gem and learn about its historical significance. Continue your exploration by visiting the Himachal State Museum. Immerse yourself in the rich heritage and vibrant artistry of the region as you discover the museum's fascinating exhibits.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO DELHI

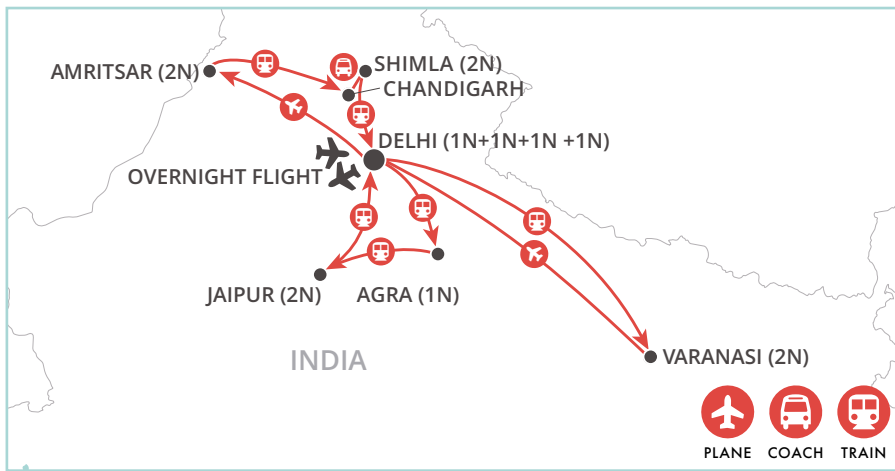
After your memorable time in Shimla, it's time to transfer to Chandigarh station for your onward journey. Bid farewell to the charming hill station as you board your train bound for Delhi. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the changing landscapes. The afternoon is at leisure for you to explore.

DAY 7: TRAVEL TO AGRA

This morning's train journey is to Agra, a city steeped in history and architectural marvels. On arrival explore Fatehpur Sikri. This UNESCO World Heritage Site showcases the grandeur of Mughal architecture. Proceed to Agra Fort, another iconic landmark with imposing red sandstone walls, encompassing palaces, gardens and many halls.

DAY 8: TAJ MAHAL

Early morning start with a sunrise visit to the world-renowned Taj Mahal in Agra. As the first rays of sunlight illuminate the iconic white marble monument, witness its ethereal beauty and experience the tranquil atmosphere surrounding this masterpiece, as you learn about the captivating love story behind its creation.



Visit a nearby marble workshop to witness the skilled artisans crafting intricate marble designs before your next train journey takes you to Jaipur, the vibrant capital of Rajasthan.

DAY 9: EXPLORE JAIPUR

Explore Jaipur's iconic attractions, including a photo stop at Hawa Mahal. Visit the magnificent Amber Fort and immerse yourself in its regal ambiance. Discover the Maharaja's City Palace while delving into the city's royal heritage before experiencing the scientific wonders of the Jantar Mantar Observatory. Witness traditional crafts like block printing and carpet weaving at a local craft centre and end the day with a delicious dinner and captivating cultural performance.

DAY 10: DISCOVER DELHI

Bid farewell to Jaipur as this train journey takes you to Delhi. Upon arrival you will enjoy a tour that begins at the magnificent Qutab Minar, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that stands as a testament to Delhi's rich history and



architectural grandeur. Continue to explore New Delhi, starting with the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the official residence of the President of India and stop at the iconic India Gate, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens.

DAY 11: TRAVEL TO VARANASI

Board a morning train from Delhi to the sacred city of Varanasi. Upon arrival, prepare for an enchanting evening rickshaw ride to the banks of the Ganges River. As dusk sets in, witness the mesmerizing Ganga Aarti, a traditional prayer ceremony dedicated to the river, capturing the rhythmic chants, flickering oil lamps, and the divine atmosphere that surrounds you.

DAY 12: VARANASI

Enjoy a serene cruise along the Ganges River, soaking in the spiritual atmosphere. Explore landmarks like Bharat Mata Mandir and Durga Temple. Visit Banaras Hindu University and the revered Vishwanath Temple. Venture to Sarnath to explore ancient Buddhist sites, including the Dhamek Stupa and Mulagandha Kuti Vihar, and become immersed in the rich spirituality and cultural heritage of Varanasi and Sarnath.

DAY 13: RETURN TO DELHI

Enjoy a free morning to relax or explore at your leisure. In the afternoon, fly from Varanasi to Delhi, returning to this bustling capital city. Enjoy a farewell dinner celebrating a remarkable journey.

DAYS 14-15: DEPART DELHI

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Set off on an extraordinary rail adventure through northern India, passing from bustling metropolises to serene countryside, embracing the myriad scenic landscapes, cultures, and traditions that are unfolding through your window.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

24 Jan - 07 Feb	\$9,780	03 Oct - 17 Oct	\$9,580
07 Feb - 21 Feb	\$9,780	07 Nov - 21 Nov	\$9,780
21 Feb - 07 Mar	\$9,780	21 Nov - 05 Dec	\$9,780
07 Mar - 21 Mar*	\$9,780	05 Dec - 19 Dec	\$9,780
14 Mar - 28 Mar	\$9,780		

2026 DATES

09 Jan - 23 Jan	\$9,780	02 Oct - 16 Oct	\$9,580
06 Feb - 20 Feb	\$9,780	16 Oct - 30 Oct	\$9,780
06 Mar - 20 Mar	\$9,780	30 Oct - 20 Jan	\$9,780
13 Mar - 27 Mar	\$9,780	20 Nov - 04 Dec	\$9,780
03 Apr - 17 Apr	\$9,780	27 Nov - 11 Dec	\$9,780

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
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- Single supplement from 1,720

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Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$130pp (AU\$194pp) is paid locally in India.

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EXPERIENCE DIWALI OR HOLI FESTIVALS

Two of the most well-known festivals in India are Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and Holi, the Festival of Colours. In 2025, Diwali will be celebrated on October 20/21, and Holi on March 14 (dates may vary by a day and will be confirmed in your final documentation). Look for the * symbol to find departures that coincide with these vibrant celebrations.

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Explore Mahabalipuram's temples
- ✓ Witness an Aarti ceremony
- ✓ Soak up Trivandrum's sights
- ✓ Cruise Kerala's backwaters
- ✓ Discover vibrant Kochi



Ride the Nilgiri Mountain Railway

PRICE INCLUDES

- 13 breakfasts, 12 lunches & 13 dinners
- International flights and current taxes
- Domestic transportation
- 3 star plus – 4 star accommodation
- Touring with guides and entrance fees
- Visa fees for Australian passport holders
- Maximum group size of 18



Take the toy train from Ooty to Coonoor

RAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Forget thoughts of crowded local trains. Travel in air-conditioned comfort on India's latest modern inter-city express trains.
- ▶ Ride the UNESCO-listed Nilgiri Mountain Railway, known as the 'Toy Train', through breathtaking landscapes between Ooty in the highlands and Coonoor, a hill station known for its tea plantations.
- ▶ Taking the Intercity Express trains from Kochi to Coimbatore and Coimbatore to Bangalore gives a fascinating and picturesque window into Southern India's landscapes and rural life, passing mountains, agricultural fields and small towns.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: FLY TO CHENNAI

Fly to Chennai and transfer to your hotel. Depending on your time of arrival, the rest of the day is yours to start soaking up the local culture.

DAY 2: CITY OF A THOUSAND TEMPLES

Visit Kanchipuram, the 'City of a Thousand Temples', a long important pilgrimage centre known for its many temples, towers and halls. Continue to the coastal town of Mamallapuram to explore its UNESCO-listed, intricately carved 7th and 8th-century Hindu temples.

DAY 3: TRAVEL TO TANJORE

Transfer to Chennai's train station to board the Tejas Express to Trichy. Sit back and relax as you head south, enjoying the picturesque views out of the window. On arrival, transfer by coach to Tanjore.

DAY 4: TRAVEL TO MADURAI

Drive to Madurai, detouring through Chettinad to visit the market, learn about tile-making and take a cooking class, savouring the tasty, local flavours of the food you created for lunch. Arrive in Madurai where, this evening, you'll experience an atmospheric Aarti ceremony at Minakshi Temple.

DAY 5: EXPLORE MADURAI

Start with a sightseeing tour which includes a visit to Thirumalai Nayaka Palace, a historical gem full of the splendour of a bygone era. Then embark on a fun food tour and relish the diverse and delicious flavours and culinary delights that Madurai is known for.

DAY 6: TRAVEL TO TRIVANDRUM

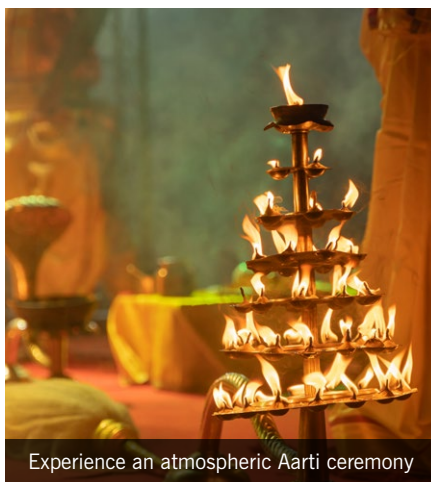
Board the PJ TVC Express to Trivandrum first thing. On arrival, you'll be immediately immersed in the spiritual ambiance of the city with a visit to the iconic Sri Padmanabhaswamy Temple.

DAY 7: DAY IN KANYAKUMARI

Take a day trip to Kanyakumari, set on the southernmost tip of the Indian subcontinent, where you can stand and look out over the waters of the Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal converging. Visits include Vivekananda Rock Memorial and the Thiruvalluvar Statue.

DAY 8: KERALA'S BACKWATERS

Drive to Alleppey, board a traditional kettuvallam, or houseboat, and set sail into the waterways of the captivating backwaters region against a backdrop of lush greenery and swaying palms. Relax the day away and stay onboard overnight.



Experience an atmospheric Aarti ceremony



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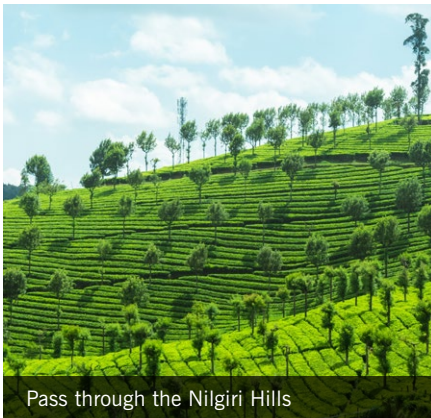
INDIA

PHYSICAL RATING



IS THIS TOUR FOR YOU?

Embark on a journey across Southern India by train, stopping in its most historic, culturally significant, and spectacular destinations. Explore temples, cruise the backwaters, and ride the toy train on this adventure of road and rail.



Pass through the Nilgiri Hills



Cruise Kerala's backwaters

DAY 9: TRAVEL TO KOCHI

Bid farewell to your kettuvallam and head for vibrant Kochi. Take a tour to see the best of the city's landmarks, historical sites, and lively local markets. This evening, experience Kathakali, an ancient dance form that merges facial expressions, graceful movements, and extravagant outfits.

DAY 10: ASCEND TO OOTY

Hop on the SBC Intercity Express to Coimbatore. On arrival, transfer by road up into the Nilgiri Hills to Ooty, the 'queen of hill stations'.

DAY 11: RIDE THE TOY TRAIN

This morning, take a spectacular ride on the Nilgiri Mountain Railway, or toy train, from Ooty to Coonoor, passing through the picturesque tea valleys of the Nilgiri Hills. Wander through Coonoor's beautiful Botanical Gardens before returning to Ooty.

DAY 12: TRAVEL TO BANGALORE

Return to Coimbatore and catch the SBC Intercity Express to Bangalore.

DAY 13: EXPLORE BANGALORE

Venture out on a tour of Bangalore to get a taste of its rich heritage, at landmarks like the Bull Temple and Tipu Sultan's Palace, and see the fascinating juxtaposition of modern and traditional that characterises this lively city.

DAYS 14-15: FLY BANGALORE TO AUSTRALIA

Fly to Australia, arriving home the same or following day.

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EXPERIENCE DIWALI OR HOLI FESTIVALS

Two of the most well-known festivals in India are Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and Holi, the Festival of Colours. In 2025, Diwali will be celebrated on October 20/21, and Holi on March 14 (dates may vary by a day and will be confirmed in your final documentation). Look for the * symbol to find departures that coincide with these vibrant celebrations.

PRICES & DEPARTURES

Prices are per person, twin share

2025 DATES

23 Jan - 06 Feb	\$8,550	16 Oct - 30 Oct*	\$8,550
20 Feb - 06 Mar	\$8,550	13 Nov - 27 Nov	\$8,550
27 Mar - 10 Apr	\$8,550	04 Dec - 18 Dec	\$8,550

2026 DATES

22 Jan - 05 Feb	\$8,880	15 Oct - 29 Oct	\$8,880
19 Feb - 05 Mar	\$8,880	12 Nov - 26 Nov	\$8,880
26 Mar - 09 Apr	\$8,880	03 Dec - 17 Dec	\$8,880

Flight and supplement information

- Based on departures from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth
- Departures from other cities and flight upgrades available upon request
- Land only (Chennai – Bangalore) 14 days from \$7,250 per person, twin share
- Single supplement from \$1,650

Important note

Prices include airline fuel surcharge and taxes. Correct as of 1 June 2024, subject to change. Depending on airline schedules, you may depart and/or arrive on Day 2. Extra nights' accommodation (pre or post tour) or stopovers may be required at an additional cost.

Customary tipping amount of approximately US\$150pp (AU\$230pp) is paid locally in India.

Call for our 2027 pricing and departures

A Taste of the Train

Many of our award-winning fully inclusive tours include a rail journey or two to give you a taste of the joys of travelling by train. Here's a snapshot of our most popular tours that include a memorable rail journey.



PANORAMICA PERU

Ride the rails to Machu Picchu and then through amazing Andean landscapes to the shores of Lake Titicaca.



SECRETS OF SAUDI ARABIA

Fly on the sleek bullet train from the holy city of Medina to vibrant modern capital of Jeddah.



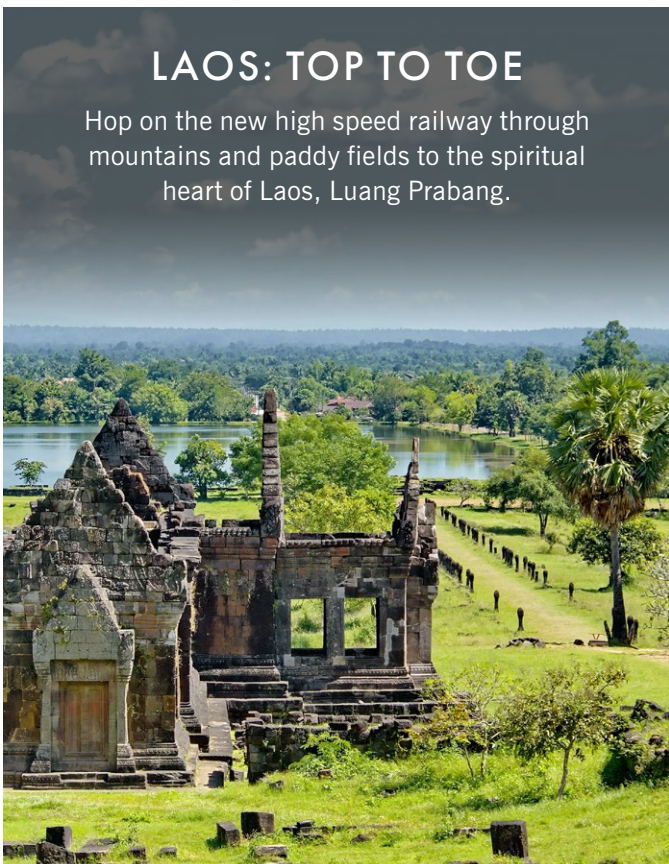
JAPAN

Home to the world's first high speed railway speeding through the Japanese countryside up to 320 kilometres an hour, many of our Japan tours include at least one bullet train journey.



ULTIMATE UZBEKISTAN

Follow the ancient caravan roads travelling by high speed train between the legendary Silk Road cities of Bukhara and Samarkand.



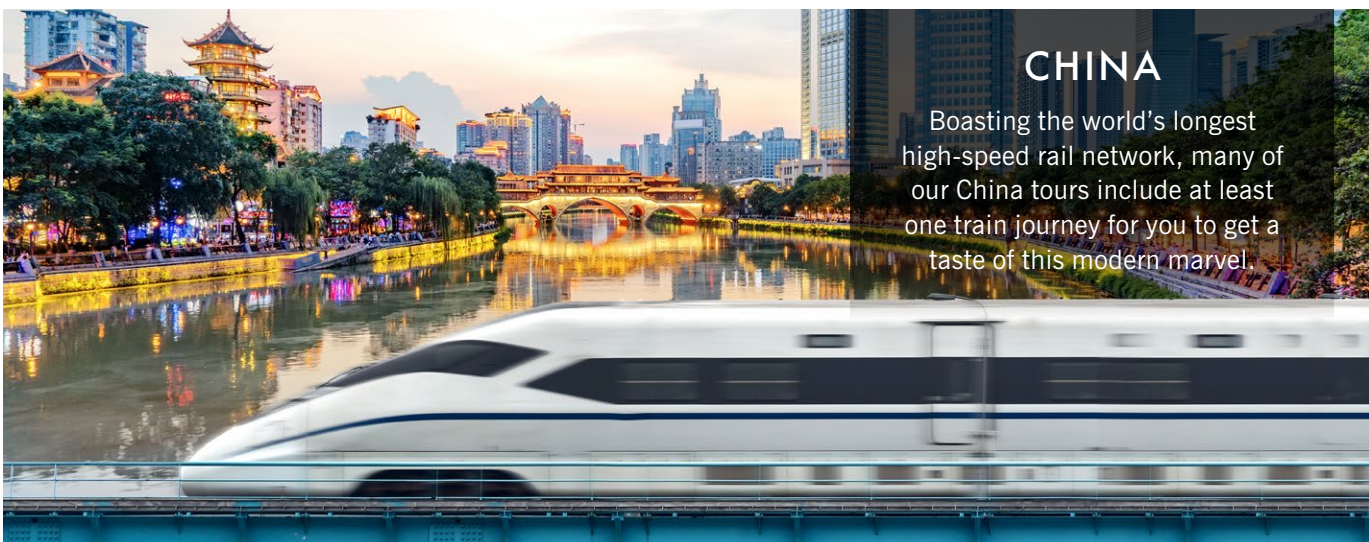
LAOS: TOP TO TOE

Hop on the new high speed railway through mountains and paddy fields to the spiritual heart of Laos, Luang Prabang.



HIGHLIGHTS OF SRI LANKA






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