Journey to the Middle Kingdom for an unforgettable experience. Clamber up the Great Wall, wander through the Forbidden City, and meet a panda on your Chinese adventure of a lifetime!

Bon Voyage!
• Today we depart the U.S. for Beijing.

Ni Hao, Beijing
• Our flight arrives in Beijing.
• Our Travel Group will be met at the airport by our guides and local staff.
• Later, we transfer to our hotel where our expert National Guide will give us an introductory briefing and lay the foundation for our amazing adventure.
• After our welcome dinner we’ll turn in to get a good night’s sleep.

Explore China’s Capital
• Our day begins Tiananmen Square—one of the largest public squares in the world. It features the Peace Palace and the Tomb of Mao Zedong.
• Next, your imagination will go into overdrive as you pass through the gates of the spectacular Forbidden City!
• Next it’s off to the Temple of Heaven. This is one of the icons of Beijing featured in thousands of photos and movies.
• Our last stop of the day is the Lama Temple, a Tibetan Buddhist temple in Beijing.

Great Walls and Martial Arts
• Today we head to the outskirts of Beijing to see one of the Seven Wonders of the Medieval World—the Great Wall of China.
• After lunch we will have a very special visit to a Shaolin Martial Art School where we will learn about ancient Martial Arts practices handed down through generations.
• This evening, we will enjoy a Peking Duck Dinner. It’s not just any dinner—this is the ancient original!
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<td>This morning, our first stop is the Panda Hall at the Beijing Zoo. Later we will visit the epitome of ancient grandeur, tradition and imperial excess: the Summer Palace. Next, we’ll descend from the Imperial Gardens into the Hutongs—the streets of the common people. This evening, we head to the train station to board our overnight train to Xi’an.</td>
<td>Our morning begins in the ancient city where we will explore the Ming Dynasty City Walls of Xi’an. Later we’ll explore the Big Wild Goose Pagoda constructed in 652. Our last activity of the day is a lesson in Chinese calligraphy.</td>
<td>No visit to China is complete without seeing the mind-boggling Terracotta Army. We’ll gain access to the museum where some of the more valuable finds are housed. This evening, we will attend a fascinating Tang Dynasty show, which is kind of like a variety show from 700 AD.</td>
<td>This morning we head to the Xi’an airport for our flight south to Guilin in Guanxi Provence. This afternoon we will arrive in Guilin and head to the Reed Flute Cave, one of the most famous attractions in this part of China.</td>
<td>Today we’ll head to Yangshuo where we will board our bamboo raft to float down the river. Next we will explore the old market of Yangshuo which is a colorful market with hundreds of vendors selling fruits, vegetables and various kinds of animals that feature in Chinese cuisine.</td>
<td>This morning, we head to a tea plantation to learn about the art of cultivating tea. After lunch we board our bus and head to Shanghai.</td>
<td>Our day begins as we head to the Bund, which is the international section of old “colonial” Shanghai. We’ll explore the city of Shanghai—in miniature—at a massive, fascinating and unforgettable exhibit at the City Planning Exhibition Hall. We cross to the Pudong where we will get to see the iconic Oriental Pearl Tower. To top off our day we head to an acrobatic show where we will marvel at the abilities of these amazing performers.</td>
<td>Today, we head out of Shanghai to the tranquility of Suzhou—The Venice of The East. Our first stop in Suzhou will be the Panmen City Gate which is over 2,500 years old. Later we board a boat and tour the old city by cruising the Grand Canal. Our next stop is a silk factory where the process of obtaining silk from the cocoon of silk worms is explained. At our last stop of the day we will learn about the Kun Opera which emerged during the 14th century and is unique to this region. Then its back to Shanghai for our last night in this extraordinary country.</td>
<td>This morning we transfer to airport for return flight to Birmingham.</td>
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