

## China Gourmet Tour

### [ GW-TGMT-001 ]Beijing-Xi'an-Hangzhou-Suzhou-Shanghai-Guilin-Guangzhou-Hongkong ( 17 days )

#### Day01 Arrive in Beijing

Arrive in Beijing, the capital of China. Meet your guide upon arrival and be transferred to your comfortable hotel. (D)

#### Day02 Beijing

Begin the day's activity with a visit to **Tian'anmen Square**, the largest urban square in the world. Then, move on to visit the Imperial Palace, also known as the "**Forbidden City**", the biggest palace complex in the world. In the afternoon, visit **Temple of Heaven** where the emperors of Ming and Qing Dynasties worshipped heaven and prayed for good harvest. A **Peking Duck Dinner** concludes your first full day activities in China. (B-L-D)



#### Day03 Beijing

Today's highlight is your visit to **the Great Wall**, one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" and a symbol of Chinese civilization. Just like a gigantic dragon, the Great Wall winds up and down across mountains. Have Mongolia-style Hot-pot as lunch. A short drive away is the statue-lined **Shenlu (Spirit Road)** leading to the **Ming Tombs**, here you can see some marvelous stone sculptures. The Ming Tombs area is for deceased emperors of the Ming Dynasty. In the evening, walk along **Wangfujing Street** and visit **Donghuamen Night Market** eating anything and everything of snacks. (B-L-D)

#### Day04 Beijing

Visit the enchanting **Summer Palace**, one of China's largest and best-preserved royal gardens, where you can have a walk along the famous Long Corridor. Enjoy **Royal Emperor's Banquet**. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Yonghe Lama Temple**, the biggest Tibetan Buddhist Lama Temple in Beijing, and the most renowned in China (outside Tibet itself). Then, take a ride in rickshaw through some old "**Hutongs**", lanes or

alleys formed by lines of Siheyuan (a compound with houses around a courtyard). (B-L-D)

### Day05 Beijing-Xi'an

Take a morning flight to Xi'an. Climb the ancient **City Wall** and visit **Forest of Steles Museum** where precious stone carvings and sculptures are kept. Then, pay a visit to **Great Mosque** built primarily in the Ming Dynasty when Chinese architectural elements were synthesized into mosque architecture, and it is the largest and best-preserved one of the early mosques of China. Taste some **local specialties in Xi'an**, such as Shredded Pancakes in Mutton or Beef Broth, Cured Meat in Pancakes, Hulutou, Buckwheat Noodles, Qishan noodles with ingredients, etc. (B-L)

### Day06 Xi'an

Begin the day's activity with an once-in-a-lifetime viewing of the extraordinary 2,200-year-old **Terracotta Warriors** of China's first feudal Emperor, Qin Shihuang. On your way back to the city, stop at a mountain village and meet local residents. After lunch, visit the superb **Shanxi History Museum**, the best of its kind in China. Visit to **Big Wild Goose Pagoda** which was built in 652 A.D. It contains a large volume of Buddhist scriptures which were obtained from India by the eminent monk of Xuanzang. Attend a special **Tang Dynasty Show** and characteristic **Dumpling Dinner** in the evening. (B-L-D)



### Day07 Xi'an-Hangzhou

Take a morning flight to Hangzhou, one ancient capital city in southern China, and famous for its natural beauty and historical and cultural heritages. Visit **Huqingyutang**, a pharmacy shop and museum of traditional Chinese medicine. Then, you will visit the **Former Residence of Hu Xueyan** who set up Huqingyutang Drugstore and was called "the medicine king in south of the Yangtze River". The former residence boasts 13 towers, Zhiyuan Garden, pavilions, terraces, a small bridge over a flowing stream and bright verandas, all ingeniously designed. You will also visit the **Pagoda of Six harmonies** standing by Qiantang River. The extant pagoda is octagonal, has thirteen levels on the

exterior but seven levels on the interior, and is 59.89 meters high. Have **ZheJiang Cuisine** with typical dishes for dinner. (B-L-D)

### Day08 Hangzhou

A full day tour is to appreciate the incomparably lovely **West Lake** with its soaring bridges and flower-bright islets. Enjoy a **boat ride** on West Lake. Visit the **Huagang Park (Flower Harbor**

**Park)**, the most attractive waterside park. Ancient Chinese people praised the West Lake area as a land of intoxicating beauty. Then, enjoy a



walk along the **Su Causeway** that is spanned with six bridges offering different views, the willows tossing among blooming peach flowers in spring. Also, you will visit a **Tea Museum** showing the history and production of Chinese tea. Move on to visit the **Meijiawu Tea House**, the tea village of famous Dragon's Well Tea. Taste the famous **Dragon's Well Tea**. (B-L-D)

### Day09 Hangzhou-Suzhou

Take a morning train to Suzhou, known as the "Venice of the East". You will begin the day with a visit to **Zhuozheng Yuan (Humble Administrator's Garden)** and **Garden of the Master of the Nets**. Humble Administrator's Garden is the largest private garden in Suzhou with features of Chinese classical garden in Ming Dynasty. Garden of the Master of the Nets, the smallest of the Suzhou residential gardens, is the most impressive because of its use of space which creates the illusion of an area that is much greater than its actual size. You will also visit **Suzhou Silk Museum** to see how the world's most beautiful silk is produced. (B-L-D)

### Day10 Suzhou-Shanghai

Enjoy a **boat ride on the Grand Canal** reveals the traditional way of life for the people who have lived here for generations. China's emperors took such route many times to inspect their territory and people in the South, leaving lots of legends and stories in the history. Then, ride a train to Shanghai, the bustling commercial heart of China, known as "Paris of the East". Visit **the Bund**, at the west shore of the Huangpu River, the Oriental



Pearl TV Tower and the Jin Mao Tower can be seen on the opposite side. The splendid row of early 20th century Europe buildings remains the quintessential Shanghai sight. Visit fascinating **Yuyuan Garden**, a well-restored Suzhou-style garden, and take a walk through the Old Town filled with antique markets and specialty stores, and traditional snacks as well (**City God Temple Snack**). An **Acrobatic Show** in the evening. (B-L-D)

### Day11 Shanghai

This morning you will visit marvelous **Shanghai Museum**, a leading attraction of the city since it opened in 1994, containing some priceless collections of paintings, porcelains and bronzes. Move on to check out the **St. Ignatius Cathedral** (Xujiahui Cathedral) built in 1846. Wander around the former French Concession represented by the leafy **Fuxing Park** and the architecture in the area. Then pay a visit to the **Jade Buddha Temple** where two rare jade statues of Sakyamuni Buddha are treasured. You will have some free time in the afternoon to explore the city. Enjoy typical **Shanghai Dishes** as dinner. (B-L-D)

### Day12 Shanghai-Guilin

Take a morning flight to Guilin, one of top attractive destinations in China. Pay a visit **Fubo Hill** for a panoramic view of Guilin and **Seven Star Park**, named after the tale that the seven peaks of Mountain Qixing (Seven Star) were the seven stars in the north sky falling down to the earth. Try some **local specialties** as dinner such as **Guilin rice noodles**, etc. (B-L-D)

### Day13 Guilin-Yangshuo-Guilin

Check out **Reed Flute Cave**, Guilin's largest and most impressive cave and contains some of the most extraordinary underground scenery in all of China. Today's highlight is



cruising  
down the  
**Li River**,  
which  
stretches

83  
kilometers  
from  
Guilin to  
Yangshuo.

The  
cruise will  
give you a  
chance to  
savor the  
lovely  
view of

the area's extraordinary limestone peaks. The cruise ends in Yangshuo. Visit **local markets**. Yangshuo is a charming small town with its main street lined with small hotels, countless souvenir shops and restaurants. Then drive back to Guilin. Enjoy **local cuisine**

as dinner, which is characterized by its sweetness and delicate use of spice and chili. (B-L-D)

#### **Day14 Guilin-Guangzhou**

Take a morning flight to Guangzhou, known in the West as Canton. Begin today's tour with visiting to the **Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall**, which is the most symbolized building of Guangzhou, and a key venue for the large-scale meetings and performances as well. Then visit the **Memorial Hall of the Chen Family**, also known as Guangdong Folk Art Museum, the largest and best preserved and decorated ancient architecture existing in Guangdong province. Finally visit **Temple of Six Banyan Trees** (386-581A.D). before the dinner, you will have some free time to walk along **Qingping Market**, just like a take-way zoo, you will see many "exotic" animals and you will also find all sorts of interesting items. Have a taste of **Min Cuisine (Fujian Cuisine)** at lunch and attend the feast of **Yue flavors (Canton Cuisine)** in the evening. (B-L-D)

#### **Day15 Guangzhou-Hong Kong**

Take a boat to Hong Kong. Then, you will take a half-day guided tour of the Hong Kong Island. Climb to the top of **Victoria Peak** for spectacular views of Kowloon, the harbor, and the South China Sea. Visit the **tranquil fishing village of Aberdeen**, where life style seems unchanged for centuries. Also tour the beautiful **Repulse Bay** with sandy beaches. Enjoy a **Dim Sum** lunch. (B-L)

#### **Day16 Hong Kong**

Day is at leisure. (B)

#### **Day17 Depart from Hong Kong**

Be transferred to the airport and prepare for boarding on your homebound flight. (B)