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Bullet Train Tour of Historic China - 9 Days

In this tour, you will visit Beijing, Luoyang and Xi'an, three ancient capital cities of China and get a full glimpse of Chinese historical culture. Besides, the high-speed bullet train journey will make this tour a fresh and memorable experience to you.


240-Hour Visa-Free Transit in China








China is implementing a 10-day (240 hours) visa-free transit policy. The transit program allows visitors who have existing flight bookings from China to a third country (region) to snag a visa on arrival at a Chinese airport (port) and stay for 10 days before departure. Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan all count as third destinations.









Passport holders of 55 countries, including the United States and the United Kingdom, can enter visa-free through any of the 60 open airports (ports) in 24 provincial regions, covering popular tourist cities like Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an, Chengdu and Guangzhou.





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Meanwhile, citizens from 47 countries can [enter China visa-free for up to 30 days](#).

Date	Destinations	Attractions, Meals & Transport
1	Day 1 Beijing	 airport - hotel transfer in Beijing

2	Day 2 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City , Temple of Heaven (UNESCO) Stand in the heart of modern China at the world's largest public square, a site of profound historical significance and grand architectural scale. Walk into or drive through (sedan/minivan) Tian'anmen Square to marvel at its iconic surroundings, including the Monument to the People's Heroes and the Great Hall of the People. Step into the majestic imperial palace where 24 emperors of the Ming and Qing Dynasties ruled for five centuries. Explore the ceremonial courtyards and the exquisite private quarters of the royal family. Note: Closed on Mondays. In case of closure or ticket unavailability, the itinerary adjusts to Jingshan Park for a premier panoramic view overlooking the entire Forbidden City. Discover the Temple of Heaven, a timeless masterpiece of traditional Chinese imperial architecture. For centuries, ancient emperors held grand solemn rituals here to worship heaven and pray for favorable weather and abundant harvests. Admire its exquisite layout, profound cultural connotations and classic imperial architectural charm that embody ancient Chinese cosmology and ritual traditions Dinner Suggestions: Iconic Peking Duck Indulge in a signature feast at a renowned, time-honored restaurant. Savor the legendary roast duck, celebrated for its signature crispy skin, tender meat, and the subtle aroma of fruit-wood roasting.
3	Day 3 Beijing	 breakfast, lunch  Great Wall, The Summer Palace (UNESCO) Traverse one of the most extraordinary architectural wonders of the ancient world. This monumental landmark stands as a timeless testament to human ingenuity, ancient engineering prowess and China's profound historical heritage. Wander through the world's largest and best-preserved imperial garden. Originally designed as a royal summer retreat, it features an exquisite collection of classical pavilions and bridges centered around the tranquil Kunming Lake.
4	Day 4 Beijing - Luoyang (by bullet train)	 hotel - train station transfer in Beijing, train station - hotel transfer in Luoyang  breakfast  Hutong Tour The Hutongs are the historic arteries of Beijing, a network of narrow alleys that have defined the city's soul since the Yuan Dynasty (1271 AD). More than just passages, they represent the pinnacle of China's traditional neighborhood life and vernacular architectural art. From a bird's-eye view, the seamless integration of these winding lanes and classic Siheyuan (courtyards) resembles an intricate, orderly chessboard, hiding a world of delicate gardens, scholarly rockeries, and ancient relics that whisper stories of a bygone era.

5	Day 5 Luoyang - Xi'an (by bullet train)	 train station transfer in Luoyang, train station - hotel transfer in Xi'an  breakfast, lunch  Shaolin Temple, Longmen Grottoes Established in the 5th century, the Shaolin Temple (UNESCO) is world-famous for its connection with Chinese martial arts - Shaolin Kung Fu. China's biggest pagoda forest also lies in Shaolin Temple, which is a concentration of more than 240 tomb pagodas for abbots and eminent monks of the temple. The Longmen Grottoes is one of the Three Major Buddhist Grottoes in China. Carved 1500 years ago, the grottoes is the long-established art form which plays a significant role in the evolution of Buddhism in Asian. It has over 100,000 Buddhist images and statues inside.
6	Day 6 Xi'an	 breakfast, lunch  Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO), Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a ceramic & pottery workshop en route The Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Horses (UNESCO) is one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in the world. More than 6000 life-sized terra cotta warriors, archers, infantrymen, horses, and bronze chariots have silently guarded the tomb of China's First Emperor for over 2,200 years. The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, a Tang Dynasty landmark, is a seven-story pagoda initially constructed in 652 AD. One of the pagoda's many functions is to hold sutras and figurines of the Buddha that were brought to China from India by the Buddhist translator and traveler - Xuanzang. Ideas for leisure time: Enjoy a tasteful Dumpling Banquet followed by an exquisite traditional Tang Dynasty Show. Good to know: If you have an extra day in Xi'an, you could explore the Mount Hua and get impressed of its unique natural beauty. Or to take a day trip to Luoyang by bullet train and visit the Longmen Grottoes, one of the Three Most Famous Buddhist Grottoes in China.
7	Day 7 Xi'an - Shanghai (by air)	 airport transfer in Xi'an, airport - hotel transfer in Shanghai  breakfast, lunch  Ancient City Wall The Ancient City Wall is one of the oldest city walls in China and still encompasses the center of Xi'an today.

8	Day 8 Shanghai	 breakfast, lunch  Yu Garden, Bund, Shanghai Old Town Owing to its ingenious design in Ming and Qing dynasties, the Yu Garden becomes a real museum of Chinese ancient architecture. The Bund, featured outstanding European colonial architectures, is full of new skyscrapers and historical buildings in the center of Shanghai. Step back in time and experience the historical heart of the city at Shanghai Old Town, where classic Jiangnan-style architecture and bustling street markets offer a fascinating contrast to the city's futuristic skyscrapers. Anchored by the 16th-century Yu Garden and the lively bazaar surrounding the City God Temple, this vibrant district allows you to wander through labyrinthine alleys lined with traditional gray-brick buildings, cross the iconic Nine-Turn Bridge, and sample world-famous local delicacies like Xiaolongbao (soup dumplings) at historic eateries. Leisure Time & Optional Experiences Huangpu River Cruise: See Shanghai's iconic skyline from the water on a Huangpu River Cruise. Sail past the Bund's 52 historic colonial buildings and the futuristic skyscrapers of Lujiazui, including the Shanghai Tower and Oriental Pearl Tower. Choose a day cruise for clear architectural details or a night cruise (highly recommended) to see the city illuminated in a dazzling light show. Shanghai Tower Skywalk Experience: Soar to new heights at the Shanghai Tower, China's tallest building at 632 meters. Ride the world's fastest elevator (18m/s) to the 118th-floor Top of Shanghai Observatory. Enjoy 360° panoramic views of the city, including the Bund's colonial architecture, the Oriental Pearl Tower, and the winding Huangpu River.
9	Day 9 Shanghai	 hotel - airport transfer in Shanghai  breakfast

Tour Includes :

- Private tour guide
- Private air-conditioned car or coach
- Land transfers between airport or train station and hotel
- First entrance tickets as listed
- Chinese lunch as listed
- Centrally located hotels with breakfast
- Domestic flight ticket with taxes and train tickets (2nd class seat) as listed
- Service charge & government taxes

Tour Excludes :

- International flight
- Personal expenses such as laundry, drinks, phone bills, optional activities
- Tips for guides and drivers
- China Visa
- Travel insurance

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