



WENDY WU TOURS

Tour Dossier

CHINA EXPERIENCE, 11 DAYS

This document was designed to be read in conjunction with our other pre-departure information provided after you have made a booking with Wendy Wu Tours. It aims to provide a straightforward description of the physical activities involved in sightseeing or travelling during the tour. All passengers should read this dossier to confirm their ability to complete the tour. This is not your **Final Itinerary** and therefore does not mention all the sites visited.

Tour grade - Comfortable paced tour

This is defined in our brochure as the following: "Whilst you will encounter walking and climbing of steps during the tour, these programs are comfortably operated to appeal to most people. Generally these tours are shorter in duration and visit the mainstream tourist attractions."

This is the easiest pace of tour which Wendy Wu Tours offers in China. Anyone with a reasonable level of fitness should be able to complete this itinerary. Of course our local guides always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance, but they cannot be expected to cater for passengers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

Tipping

If there are less than 10 people in your group, please allow USD\$64 each, if there are more than 10, please allow USD\$49 each for tipping.

Itinerary changes

1. Order of events and sightseeing may vary according to local conditions.
2. The Hall of Supreme Harmony within the Forbidden City complex in Beijing has recently undergone comprehensive restoration work and the majority of work has now been completed.

Group size

In most cases, the group will operate with a minimum of 10 passengers, and a maximum of 28 passengers.

NB: Times and distances listed in this section are approximations only.

Days 1-2: South Africa/Shanghai. You will be met at Pudong (Shanghai International) airport in the arrivals hall by your Local Guide and/or National Escort from Wendy Wu Tours. Together with all other group members who may be arriving at a similar time, you will transfer (1 hr drive) to your hotel.

Day 3: Shanghai/Wuzhen day trip. This morning a tour introduction will be held in the hotel, or perhaps on the coach. There

will not be food or drinks served at this meeting; it is simply an opportunity for your group to meet and learn more about travelling in China.

Drive nearly 3hrs to the preserved water canal town of Wuzhen. Sightseeing here is leisurely and involves a few hrs exploring on foot. Return to Shanghai in the evening.

Day 4: Shanghai. Full day of sightseeing around the central city. Beware of your valuables while in the Old Town (Yuan Bazaar) as it is very crowded.

Day 5: Shanghai/Xian. Any time before your airport transfer this morning is at leisure. Your group will transfer (1½ hrs drive) to Shanghai domestic airport and fly to Xian (flight 2½hrs approx). Transfer to your hotel (1 hr drive) and check in.

Day 6: Xian. The Museum of the Terracotta Warriors is located more than 1 hrs drive outside of Xian. From the bus park to the Museum entrance is a 15min walk. There are electric carts offered by private vendors which can be organised at your own cost. There is no electric cart available for the return from Museum exit to the bus park. Within the Museum area the warriors can be seen in 3 different "pits", which are active archaeological digs. The site is large and, towards the summer months, can be hot outside. Sightseeing here involves 2½ hrs on foot. This afternoon we visit the City Walls. The Local Guide will give you time to explore at your own pace. There are options here to hire a bicycle or an electric cart to drive along the length of the Walls. These are offered by private vendors and can be organised at your own cost.

Day 7: Xian/Beijing. Sightseeing at the Little Wild Goose Pagoda and Shaanxi Museum involves at least 2 ½ hrs walking. Beware of your valuables while in the Muslim Quarter's alley market stalls. Your flight will probably depart in the early evening; in the late afternoon you will transfer to the airport and fly to Beijing (flight duration 1hr 40mins). From Beijing airport, transfer (50 mins drive) to the hotel.

Day 8: Beijing. Sightseeing in central Beijing involves 3 to 4 hrs walking during the morning to see Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City. Visiting Mao's Mausoleum is subject to the length of the queue, as so many domestic tourists visit every day. This afternoon, visit the Temple of Heaven – at least 2 hrs on foot here.

Day 9: Beijing. An early rise this morning to drive 1 ½ hrs (50km) northwest of the city to the Juyongguan Pass section of the Great Wall. The aim of this is to avoid the crowds of tourists who will arrive later in the morning, and the heat of the day. Visiting the Wall involves walking from the bus to the first section. After your group has been given an introduction to the Great Wall's unique history you will have free time to explore the rest at your own pace. After lunch, drive 1 ½ hrs to the Summer Palace in the north of the city. The palace is set over an extensive park and man-made lake complex and there is 2 to 3 hrs on foot involved at this site.

Day 10: Depart Beijing. Shopping time allowed at Silk Markets in central Beijing this morning. You will be transferred from the hotel to the airport, according to the departure time of your international flight.

Day 11: South Africa. Arrive home.

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