

China's Golden Triangle & Gardens of Suzhou - 9 Days

CN-04



DEPARTURE DATES:

This incredible tour provides an excellent opportunity to explore the key attractions of China and delve into the essence of some of its most vibrant cities. Given China's vast expanse, its sprawling cities serve as focal points for travelers, providing access to outstanding museums, galleries, shops, restaurants, architecture, and a myriad of other attractions. Each city boasts its unique identity, populace, and style, offering a rich tapestry of experiences. Additionally, the tour includes a visit to the renowned gardens of Suzhou, where you can revel in the harmonious beauty of nature.

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ITINERARY

Day 1 - Beijing

Upon your airport arrival, our driver will greet you and facilitate your transfer to the hotel. The tour commences with a journey into Beijing's historical past, exploring the renowned "hutongs" - ancient city areas characterized by narrow streets and alleys. The term 'hutong' traces its origins back to the Yuan Dynasty in the 13th century. A rickshaw ride will immerse you in this cultural tapestry, providing a swift understanding of the city's architectural evolution. (D)

Day 2 - Beijing

Our exploration today begins at the heart of the city, Tiananmen Square. This expansive square, ranking as the fourth largest globally at 440,000 square meters, is dominated by the Tiananmen Gate (Gate of Heavenly Peace), serving as the entrance to the Forbidden City. A guided tour awaits you as we delve into the Forbidden City and the Imperial Palace, a UNESCO-listed treasure trove of preserved ancient wooden structures and home to an extensive collection of Chinese artwork. Following this, we will wander through the graceful Summer Palace, an exemplar of Chinese landscape garden design and natural splendor. As the day concludes, indulge in a delectable roast duck dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 3 - Beijing

It's time to encounter China's most iconic symbol - the Great Wall! Today, you will explore the Badaling Great Wall, located in Yanqing County, approximately 70 kilometers (44 miles) north of Beijing. This section is renowned for being the most well-preserved, earning its place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The awe-inspiring wonder of the world becomes evident as you traverse its historic pathways. Following this, we'll visit the Olympic Green and the Olympic Park, constructed in Beijing for the 2008 Summer Olympics. In the evening, prepare to be captivated by the breathtaking performances at one of Beijing's premier Acrobatic Shows.

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

International flights
Accommodation
Full board meals
Train: 2nd class (day / night)
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Meals on the train

Practical information

Chinese visa procedure

(B,L,D)

Day 4 - Beijing - Xian

This morning, experience a taste of ultra-modern China as you embark on the morning bullet train journey to Xian. Covering an impressive 711 miles from Beijing to Xian in just 4 hours and 40 minutes, the high-speed train provides a swift and scenic journey through the passing countryside. Upon arrival at the station, you'll be greeted and transferred to commence your Xian city tour. As one of the four ancient capitals of China, key sights on the itinerary include the Big Goose Pagoda, Little Goose Pagoda, the City Wall (the most intact city wall in all of China), the Bell Tower (which historically signaled the opening of city gates at dawn), and the Great Mosque - one of the earliest mosques built in China. A stop for lunch at a local restaurant is included, and the evening will be highlighted by the Tang Dynasty Singing & Dancing Dinner Show. (B,L,D)

Day 5 - Xian

A remarkable Chinese highlight awaits you today: the extraordinary Terracotta Army, a marvel that draws millions of tourists from around the world each year. Designated as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site since 1987, this archaeological wonder was accidentally discovered in 1974 by local farmers. The renowned stone army comprises over 8,000 soldiers, 520 horses, and 130 chariots, providing a captivating glimpse into ancient history. You'll have the opportunity to explore the pits and ascend the burial mound of the emperor. Subsequently, the journey continues to Shanghai, where you will board an overnight sleeper. Our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby, transferring you to the railway station for your train to Xian, with a choice of 2 and 4 berth compartments available. (B,L,D)

Day 6 - Shanghai

Upon your arrival by train, our team will be there to greet you and assist with transferring your luggage to the hotel. Following a quick check-in, you'll commence the exploration of this captivating city. Shanghai, as the largest and busiest city in China, presents a unique blend of ultra-modern architecture, serene gardens, People's Square, the Shanghai Museum, and the renowned Bund - a mile-long riverside promenade. Today's itinerary ensures a comprehensive exploration of these highlights and more. (B,L,D)

Day 7 - Shanghai

Today's tour offers a delightful blend of old and new, beginning in historic Shanghai. Your first stop is a tranquil garden adjacent to the City God Temple. Encompassing five acres, the garden features a rockery, a chamber of ten thousand flowers, pavilions, and towers, providing a serene escape. Transitioning to the future, the next destination is the Oriental Pearl TV Tower, constructed in 1994 and boasting 15 viewing levels for panoramic vistas. The day concludes on Nanjing Road, Shanghai's primary shopping street and the longest shopping street globally, stretching over 5.5 kilometers. (B,L,D)

Day 8 - Shanghai - Suzhou - Shanghai

Today, you'll embark on a journey to Suzhou, often referred to as 'Eastern Venice' due to its mastery in the art of islands, water, and landscape design. This city showcases a harmonious blend of natural beauty and carefully crafted structures. A boat trip on the Grand Canal offers a unique perspective of the city, allowing you to appreciate its beauty from the water. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to visit a silk factory, gaining insight into the intricate process of silk production. This stop is designed for educational purposes rather than shopping. In the evening, you'll transfer back to Shanghai. (B,L,D)

Day 9 - Shanghai

Our driver will meet you in the hotel lobby and take you to the airport to catch your flight home. (B)

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

PREMIUM - 4* PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.	Train upgrade
03/05/2025 - 11/05/2025	£1995	£2895	£295	£175
10/05/2025 - 18/05/2025	£1995	£2895	£295	£175
17/05/2025 - 25/05/2025	£1995	£2895	£295	£175
24/05/2025 - 01/06/2025	£1995	£2895	£295	£175
31/05/2025 - 08/06/2025	£1995	£2895	£295	£175
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27/12/2025 - 04/01/2026	£1995	£2895	£295	£175

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organised group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > Beijing Explorer - Uncover the Wonders of the Chinese Capital - 6 Days (CN-02), Price from £795, 6 days
- > China's Golden Triangle: Unveiling the Wonders of Beijing, Xian and Shanghai - 8 Days (CN-03), Price from £1,795, 8 days
- > Great Chinese Discovery with Majestic Yangtze River Cruise - 12 Days (CN-06), Price from £3,095, 12 days
- > Highlights of Trans-Mongolian Railway: Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing (TS-14), Price from £2,195, 12 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in the UK, USA, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two - three weeks for each visa application to be processed. The actual visa processing times are published on our website. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-UK, USA, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in the above countries, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa, processing times and application forms on our website:
www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card, cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.

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