

Step into a world where old meets new and people meet pandas. This experiential voyage spans the best of China, from the hustle and bustle of Beijing to the tranquility of tai chi. Marvel at the Great Wall from a special vantage point, and stand in awe of the Terracotta Army in Xi'an—a sea of stone soldiers protecting their emperor in the afterlife. Ready for things to get fluffy? Head to a panda research center in Chengdu to learn about its adorable occupants.

### **EVERYTHING YOU GET:**



**Full-time Tour Director** 



Sightseeing: 4 sightseeing tours led by expert, licensed local guides; 2 sightseeing tours led by your Tour Director; 1 rickshaw tour



Entrances: Tiananmen Square; Forbidden City; Summer Palace; dragon boat ride (seasonal); tai chi lesson; Great Wall of China; cable car ride; bike ride on Xi'an city wall; Terracotta Army; calligraphy class; panda research center; tea plantation; Dujiangyan Irrigation System; Mount Qingcheng; Shanghai World Financial Center; Jade Buddha Temple; Yu Garden; with extension: Peak Tram; Star Ferry ride



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; comfortable motorcoach; internal flights; 10 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (12 with extension); breakfast and dinner daily





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# YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your *Tour Director* in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our personalized learning experience, *weShare*, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels, and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. *Expert local guides* will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views on history, art, architecture, or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

**@EFtours** I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school **#traveltuesday** 

- MELISSA, TRAVELER





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# What you'll experience on your tour

# Day 1: Fly overnight to China

### Day 2: Beijing

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport.

## Day 3: Beijing

- Take a guided tour of Beijing. Visit Tiananmen Square [tyahn-ahn-men], the Forbidden City, and the Summer Palace with an expert local guide.
- Enjoy a dragon boat ride.
   (Available April-October only)
- Participate in a tai chi lesson.
- Enjoy a Peking duck dinner.

#### Day 4: Beijing

- Visit a section of the Great Wall of China that's less traveled by tourists and one of its best preserved.
- Take a cable car ride for a scenic view of the Great Wall.
- See the Bird's Nest Olympic stadium.
- Take a guided walking tour of a Hutong neighborhood.
- Enjoy a traditional Chinese meal with a local family.

# Day 5: Beijing | Xi'an

- Fly to Xi'an [shee-ahn].
- Take a bike ride on Xi'an's ancient city wall.
- Explore on your own or
- take a dumpling class.

# Day 6: Xi'an

- Tour Xi'an with an expert local guide.
- Visit the Terracotta Army archeological dig site.
- Participate in a calligraphy class.
- Visit a street food market in the city's Muslim Quarter.

# Day 7: Xi'an | Chengdu

- Travel by high-speed train to Chengdu [chung doo].
- Tour Chengdu's most famous pedestrian street.
- Take a guided tour of Chengdu. Learn about the city's ancient history with an expert local guide, and see why it's a modern-day economic, transportation, and communication hub.
- Enjoy a family-style hot pot dinner.
- Explore on your own or
- enjoy a Sichuan Opera "face-changing" performance.

# Day 8: Chengdu

- Spend a half day at a panda research center.
   Learn about the center's research and conservation efforts to save giant pandas.
- Bike to a tea plantation and try your hand at picking tea leaves alongside local farmers.

#### Day 9: Chengdu | Dujiangyan

- Take in the Chinese countryside on a day trip to a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Explore the Dujiangyan [doo jee-ang yenn] Irrigation System, a feat of engineering dating back to 256 B.C.
- Enjoy a cable car ride and short hike to the top of Mount Qingcheng [ching chung].

## Day 10: Chengdu | Shanghai

- Fly to Shanghai.
- Visit the Shanghai World Financial Center.
- Walk along the Bund, a colonial-era center for international banking and trade.
- Explore on your own or
- attend a Chinese acrobatics show.

### Day 11: Shanghai

- Take a guided tour of Shanghai. Visit the Jade Buddha Temple and the Yu Garden, whose name literally means "happiness," with an expert local guide.
- See Nanjing Lu, or Nanjing Road.

### Day 12: Depart for home

### **9** 2-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

### Days 12-14: Shanghai | Hong Kong

- Fly to Hong Kong.
- Ride the Peak Tram to the highest point on Hong Kong Island.
- Explore the Temple Street Night Market.
- Take the Star Ferry across Victoria Harbor.
- Enjoy dinner in Kowloon.
- Watch the cityscape come alive in a dazzling light show.
- Explore on your own or
- visit Lantau Island.
- Enjoy a dim sum tasting.
- Depart for home.



Beijing, China Spring Break. Best trip ever and of course we did it big just like we do it in Texas! Awesome picture or what?

- LUIS, TRAVELER



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-CHARLOTTE, PARENT OF TRAVELER



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