

GROUP ADVENTURES

Hong Kong to Beijing Group Adventure 17D/16N

18 to 30 somethings

17 Days / 1 Country

China

Departure city: **Hong Kong, China**

End city: **Beijing, China**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit adorable pandas & see the terracotta warriors
- Camp at the incredible Great Wall of China
- Go on an exhilarating bamboo rafting trip in Yangshuo
- Learn awesome kung-fu moves at the Shaolin Monastery

Join this 17-day tour to discover the best of Beijing, hike and camp out under the stars on the Great Wall, see the Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an, marvel at the pandas in Chengdu, and much more!

MAP



What is included

Group Adventures

Group Adventures are designed to forget about all the travel logistics and let our guides take you to the best places with a group of like minded travelers

Accommodation: 13

- 13 nights in hostels & camping + 3 overnight trains
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Transport: 8

- All transport between cities and included activities
 - Bus Xi'an - Deng Feng
 - Bullet train Hong Kong - Yangshuo
 - Bus Deng Feng - Zhengzhou
 - Overnight train Yangshuo - Chengdu
 - Overnight train Zhengzhou-Beijing
 - Overnight train Chengdu - Xi'an
 - Roundtrip bus Beijing-the Great Wall
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Guides:

- English-speaking Adventure Leaders
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What is not included

- *Airport pick-up/drop-off
- *Other meals/drinks
- *Personal expenses
- *Tips/gratuities
- *Travel/Medical insurance
- *Visas

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Itinerary

Day 1: Hong Kong, China

Hong Kong Accommodation Check-In

Make your own way to your Hong Kong hostel and check-in. Enjoy the rest of the day to explore this bustling mega city at your own leisure. Overnight in Hong Kong.

Day 2: Hong Kong-Yangshuo, China

Victoria Peak & Train/Bus to Yangshuo

Today, meet your group at your hostel and travel up Victoria Peak by the famous tram. Here you'll enjoy incredible views of the impressive Hong Kong skyline and Victoria Harbour! After listening to a short welcome and safety briefing, hike down Victoria Peak, back to the hostel. Later, you and your group will cross the border into mainland China and then travel by bullet train and bus to Yangshuo.

Day 3-5: Yangshuo, China

Yangshuo Free Days

Wake up to the unbelievable karst scenery of Yangshuo. This landscape of rivers, rice paddies and limestone peaks is your playground for the next three days. Enjoy exploring the region on your own or join optional activities (not included) such as a traditional Chinese cooking class, kayaking on the Li River, or explore authentic village culture with a trip to a local farm. At night, kick back at your hostel, where you can sit quietly atop the rooftop bar with a cool beer.

Day 6: Yangshuo-Guilin-Chengdu

Bus to Guilin and overnight train to Chengdu

This morning you'll board a bus to Guilin. Say goodbye to your first Adventure Leader and board the overnight train for your trip to Chengdu.

Day 7: Chengdu, China

Chengdu Mandarin Lesson

This afternoon you'll arrive in the Sichuan capital of Chengdu, where you'll meet your new Adventure Leader — a fun-loving Sichuanese local. Travel by Metro to your hostel. Ease out the strains of your overnight journey with an optional massage (not included) from a blind physical therapist. Later in the afternoon, join a free Mandarin language lesson with your Adventure Leader. Then, check out an authentic Sichuan opera performance. Overnight in Chengdu.

Day 8: Chengdu, China

Visit Giant Pandas

Wake up early today to travel to the Giant Panda Breeding & Research Center — the world's preeminent giant panda facility. Arrive just in time to watch these national treasures dig into breakfast (bamboo shoots, of course). In the afternoon, walk through Chengdu's Tibetan Quarter home to a variety of Tibetan shops and cafés. Yak dumplings, anyone? You'll also have the option to travel to Leshan, home to the world's largest stone Buddha. In the evening, join your group for an optional dinner out (not included) at a traditional Sichuan hotpot restaurant — a meal where you cook meats and veggies by dipping them into a boiling pot of super spicy broth! Overnight in Chengdu.

Day 9: Chengdu-Xi'an, China

Overnight Train to Xi'an

Enjoy a morning in Chengdu at your own pace before taking public transport to Chengdu Railway Station, where you'll board your overnight train to Xi'an.

Day 10: Xi'an, China

Explore Xi'an

Arrive in Xi'an in the late morning before taking a bus to your hostel. This afternoon you can join your group for a bike ride along the Ming Dynasty City Walls (not included). Tonight, there's an optional tour of Xi'an's fascinating Muslim Quarter, where you'll see Chinese mosques and sample the delights of Hui Muslim street food carts. The lamb skewers are a must! Overnight in Xi'an.

Day 11: Xi'an, China

Terracotta Warriors of Xi'an

Today, enjoy an early start to the day with a trip to the world-famous Terracotta Warriors. The Terracotta Army is a collection of terracotta sculptures depicting the armies of Qin Shi Huang, the first Emperor of China. It is a form of funerary art buried with the emperor in 210–209 BCE and whose purpose was to protect the emperor in his afterlife. In the evening, you'll have the chance to volunteer at the Star Sun Home. Overnight in Xi'an.

Day 12: Xi'an-Deng Feng, China

Bus trip to Deng Feng and Mandarin lesson

Begin your day with a bus trip to Deng Feng, the closest village to Shaolin Temple. After checking in to your guesthouse, board a bus to a kung-fu children's home for an optional kung-fu lesson (not included). In the evening, enjoy dinner at your guesthouse before partaking in your second Mandarin lesson with your Adventure Leader. Overnight in Deng Feng.

Day 13: Deng Feng-Zhengzhou-Beijing, China

Deng Feng - Zhengzhou - Beijing (L)

Your day begins with an optional trip to the Shaolin Temple - the flagship of the art of kung-fu. This optional trip (not included) also includes a hike to Dharma Cave, a spiritual spot for Buddhist pilgrims, where you'll be rewarded with beautiful views of both the shrines and temples in the area. Have a late lunch at the guesthouse then pack and check out. We'll travel by bus to Zhengzhou to board the overnight train to Beijing.

Day 14: Beijing-Great Wall, China

Hike the Great Wall of China

Arrive Beijing early in the morning and transfer by private bus to a hostel where you'll be able to freshen up after your train journey. Around noon, you'll embark for the Great Wall with a stop along the way at a local farm for lunch. Upon arrival at the Great Wall, we'll head for beautiful yet unrestored sections with fewer crowds. Hike along this wonder of the world as the sun sets, before pitching up your tent for a night of camping (May-September only) — otherwise, you'll be accommodated in a hostel at the foot of the Great Wall. Enjoy your third Mandarin language lesson with your Adventure Leader before getting a night's rest. Overnight at the Great Wall.

Day 15: Great Wall-Beijing, China

Sunrise at the Great Wall-Return to Beijing

Wake up early to enjoy a picturesque sunrise over the Great Wall - a memory you won't soon forget! Afterwards, return to Beijing where you can visit the Olympic Bird's Nest Stadium or enjoy an incredible Beijing Acrobatics show (not included). For dinner, you've got the opportunity to taste one of Beijing's signature dishes: famous Peking Roast Duck (not included). Overnight in Beijing.

Day 16: Beijing, China

Beijing City Tour

Today, tour the world-famous Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City (not included), and a night market where you can try a host of mouth-watering delicacies. In the evening, say goodbye to your new friends after your group adventure comes to an end. Overnight in Beijing.

Day 17: Beijing, China

Beijing Accommodation Check-Out

Today, check-out from your Beijing hostel. We wish you joy and happiness for your onward journey!

