



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

## Tailor Made China: Wonders of Yunnan

14 days

Private Journey

*Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.*

Embark on an immersive journey revealing China's enduring icons, including a remarkably preserved section of the Great Wall, the mysterious Terra Cotta Warriors and the furry pandas of Chengdu. Continue south to meet Tibetan nomads in Lijiang and then northeast to experience cosmopolitan Shanghai.

### A&K Advantages

Experience a vast array of China's local flavors, exploring Beijing's celebrated landmarks, Xian's archaeological treasures, Yunnan Province's Tibetan influences, and Shanghai's captivating contrast of old and new

Enjoy three unforgettable days of exploration in Beijing, taking a thrilling pedicab ride through winding neighborhood lanes and strolling a remote section of the Great Wall

Take in Xian's incomparable Terra Cotta Warriors and explore the city's vibrant Muslim Quarter

Encounter China's iconic ambassadors at the Chengdu Panda Breeding & Research Center

Stroll the culturally diverse local villages of Yunnan Province

Visit the stunning mountain landscape surrounding Songzanlin Monastery, an area known as the mythical Shangri-La

Discover the many sides of cosmopolitan Shanghai, from its ancient water town of Zhujiajiao, to its future ambitions revealed in the Urban Planning Exhibition Hall

### Itinerary

*Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.*

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE BEIJING, CHINA

Upon arrival into Beijing, you are met at your gate by an airport representative, assisted with immigration and customs, and then introduced to your A&K representative. You are then transferred to your accommodations and assisted with check-in, enjoying the remainder of the day at your leisure.

The Peninsula Beijing



## DAY 2 BEIJING | THE GREAT WALL & SUMMER PLACE

Explore the well-preserved and less-frequented Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China as you stroll remote battlements of this immense fortification commanding views of the surrounding countryside. Begun in 221 BC and expanded during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the Great Wall remains a powerful symbol of China around the world today. This afternoon, visit the Summer Palace on a guided tour of the largest imperial garden in the world. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a veritable museum of classical Chinese garden architecture. Fronting the shimmering waters of Kunming Lake, the palace's stately buildings are set among pavilions, temples, pagodas, green pines and fragrant blossoms. Cap off your visit with a private boat ride on the lake (weather permitting).

The Peninsula Beijing | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



## DAY 3 BEIJING | FROM MING DYNASTY TO MODERN DAY

Set out on a guided tour of a historic temple and traditional neighborhood for a glimpse of Beijing's past and present. Begin your morning at the Temple of Heaven, a massive complex offering a look back to the life, culture and religion of the Ming Dynasty. Next, hop a pedicab to explore a *hutong*, a network of traditional neighborhoods with interconnecting lanes. Later this afternoon, explore two icons of China's past and present. Begin at the Forbidden City, the largest ancient palatial structure in the world. This long-time center of imperial power was once home to 24 emperors. Today, the Forbidden City stands in marked contrast to the bustling, modern city just outside its walls. Next, visit Tiananmen Square, a grand monument to the nation's present-day government.

The Peninsula Beijing | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 4 BEIJING/XIAN | ARTIFACTS OF A LOST EMPIRE

Today, you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Xian. Upon arrival, discover the Yangling Museum's archaeological wonders with a brief stop en route to your accommodations. Take in the culmination of nearly 10 years of excavation as you tour objects recently unearthed from an area surrounding the tomb of a Han emperor. While the actual imperial tomb of the emperor and his chief consort has yet to be opened, archaeologists have excavated more than 20 satellite tombs, yielding a treasure trove of exquisite funerary pieces. Continue to the City Wall. Dating to the early Ming period (built between 1374 – 1378), it is one of the few extant city walls remaining in China. After your visit, settle into your hotel.

Shangri-La Hotel, Xian | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 5 XIAN | THE TERRA COTTA WARRIORS

Set out on a full-day, guided tour exploring the best of Xian. Begin at the famous Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses dig site. It is thought this life-sized army of soldier statues was created to safeguard the emperor's passage to the afterlife. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant, then visit the Great Mosque of Xian. Resembling a Buddhist Temple, it is regarded as one of the most beautiful and unusual structures in the city. Next, visit the Wild Goose Pagodas, a pair of towering historic landmarks affording panoramic views of Xian.

Shangri-La Hotel, Xian | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 XIAN/CHENGDU | A TASTE OF SICHUAN PROVINCE

Fly to Chengdu, stopping to tour People's Square and Jinli Street before transferring to your accommodations. Next, immerse yourself in local life and culture at the People's Park, where area residents play traditional Chinese instruments, practice calligraphy and engage in tai chi.

Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 7 CHENGDU | ENCOUNTERING THE ENDANGERED PANDA

Meet China's furry ambassadors to the world at the Chengdu Panda Breeding Center. Take a half-day, guided tour of this facility dedicated to preserving the endangered pandas and get a rare glimpse of these iconic Chinese natives. Enjoy your afternoon at leisure exploring Chengdu. This evening, take in a Chengdu face-changing show, a captivating form of Sichuan opera. Marvel as the actors and actresses change masks with an uncanny slight of hand that remains a closely guarded secret to this day. Enjoy the singing, choreography, drama and humor as the opera's story unfolds before you.

Shangri-La Hotel, Chengdu | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8 CHENGDU/LIJIANG | TIBETAN PEAKS

This morning, you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Lijiang. Upon arrival, you are met by an A&K representative and transferred to your accommodations. Enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure.

Banyan Tree Lijiang | Meals: Breakfast

## DAY 9 LIJIANG | ECHOES OF THE NAXI KINGDOM

Uncover the secrets of ancient civilizations on a full-day, guided tour. Journey to the foot of Jade Dragon Snow Mountain to visit Baisha Village. Once capital of the Naxi Kingdom, it remains home to the Baisha Murals depicting cultural and religious themes of this civilization. Continue to Longquan Village, a traditional Naxi village surviving here for over 800 years. Next, visit Black Dragon Pool Park, a stunning setting widely regarded as the most beautiful in Lijiang. Finally, stop by the Dongba Museum to learn about the Naxi culture and view photographs of Lijiang's Old Town taken from 1921-1949.

Banyan Tree Lijiang | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 10 LIJIANG/ZHONGDIAN | TIBETAN MELTING POT

Enjoy the scenic route from Lijiang to Zhongdian, stopping along the way. Begin by crossing an 8,600-foot pass, taking in the view of the Yangtze's First Bend as the shining river cuts through a patchwork of farm fields and orchards in the valley below. Next, stop in the charming village of Shigu to visit a memorial commemorating a historic military action. After a stop for lunch, continue on to Tiger Leaping Gorge, one of the world's deepest chasms. Almost 10 miles long, the gorge passes between Jade Dragon Snow Mountain and Haba Snow Mountain — the Yangtze River's rapids cascading far below. Afterward, you are driven on to your accommodations in Zhongdian.

Songtsam Linka Shangri-La | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 11 ZHONGDIAN | SHADES OF SHANGRI-LA

Immerse yourself in the Tibetan culture of Zhongdian with a visit to the 300-year-old Songzangling Monastery, the largest Tibetan Buddhist monastery in Yunnan Province and home to the Living Buddha. Surrounded by the floral wonders of the Napa forest, this area conjures daydreams of the mythical Shangri-La. Continue on to peruse the vendors of the Central Market, taking in an authentic glimpse of Yunnan's diverse ethnic fabric. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the rural village of Ringha, a traditional Khampa settlement built around a sacred hill frequented by pilgrims making the trek to Lhasa. Here you have an opportunity to climb the sacred hill, sip butter tea with a farming family and experience the traditions of the Khampa people.

Songtsam Linka Shangri-La | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 12 ZHONGDIAN/SHANGHAI | PORT CITY TO THE WORLD

This morning, you are transferred to the airport for your flight to Shanghai via Kunming. Upon arrival in Shanghai, you are met by an A&K representative and transferred to your luxurious accommodations for an evening at leisure.

The Peninsula Shanghai | Meals: Breakfast

### DAY 13 SHANGHAI | RISE OF AN EASTERN ICON

Get a taste of small town life on a half-day, guided tour of Zhujiajiao, an ancient town in the countryside west of Shanghai. Stroll its bridges spanning the bubbling streams flowing from Dianshan Lake and take a peaceful, private boat ride along the winding river, passing beneath the eaves of historic houses. After lunch at a local restaurant, tour the Shanghai Museum and its exceptional collection of historically significant art and housewares including bronzes, ceramics, calligraphy, paintings, jade, furniture and coins. Finally, marvel at the incredibly accurate and detailed model of the city housed at the Urban Planning Exhibition Center. This evening, take in a traditional acrobatic performance, witnessing a timeless, graceful spectacle passed on through the generations.

The Peninsula Shanghai | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

### DAY 14 DEPART SHANGHAI

This morning after breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for your international departure.

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## Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

#### ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Alternate hotels and room upgrades are available for this journey.

#### FORBIDDEN CITY VIP ACCESS

Gain exclusive access to a restricted hall of Beijing's Forbidden City.

#### SHANGHAI JEWISH QUARTER

Encounter a rarely experienced side of Shanghai with an exploration of the city's Jewish Quarter.

## Extensions



## Tailor Made Hong Kong

3 days from \$2,395

Day 1:

Upon arrival into Hong Kong, you are met at your gate by an airport representative, assisted with immigration and customs, and then introduced to your A&K representative. You are then transferred to your accommodations, enjoying the remainder of the day at your leisure.

The Peninsula Hong Kong

Day 2:

Explore the highlights of Hong Kong Island, including the Sheung Wan Food & Herbal Medicine Market, and take in the spectacular views of the city and harbor from atop Victoria Peak.

The Peninsula Hong Kong | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3:

This morning after breakfast, you are transferred to the airport for your international departure.

# Dates & Prices

Priced from \$7,795 in January, February, March, November & December 2017

Priced from \$8,695 in April, May, September & October 2017

Internal air economy class from \$1,225 (Beijing/Xian/Chengdu/Lijiang; Zhongdian/Kunming/Shanghai)

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*Prices are per person, based on double occupancy for 2017. Please call for 2018 pricing. Additional supplements may apply for travel over holidays, festivals and special events. Subject to availability.*

## Journey Details

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Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).