



"See World Differently"

Family & Fun Program

CN1-Keeper of the Panda Day - 10 days

Detailed Day – by-Day Itinerary

Day 1: Beijing

After arriving at the airport by Air Canada (AC29) at 15:05, you will be picked up by the local Beijing guide and transferred to the hotel. In the evening, the guide will meet you at the hotel and go to one of Beijing's popular local restaurants for a Beijing Duck Dinner.

Overnight at Guxiang #20

Meal: D

Day 2: Beijing



After breakfast, the guide will pick you up and transfer you to **Tiananmen Square**. From there, you will walk through the **Forbidden City** from South to North. After leaving the Imperial Palace we will rent **bikes** and explore the **Hutongs** (the traditional Beijing resident areas) on China's most traditional means of transport. After a pleasant ride through the Hutongs, we will stop at a typical Beijing family's courtyard to enjoy a **homemade**

lunch in an absolutely authentic atmosphere.

After lunch we will go on by bike and visit the **Lhama Tibetan Temple**. On the way home we can stop at the Houhai lakes for a short break to enjoy a drink in one of the countless bars.

After returning the bikes we will head back to the hotel.

In the evening the guide will take you to a modern and trendy Chinese restaurant.

Overnight at Guxiang #20

Meals: B, L, D

Day 3: Beijing

To avoid the crowds which visit the Great Wall at Badaling, we will take you today to a different and non-touristy Great Wall section for an **approximately 4-5 hour hike**. This section of the Great Wall (especially the first part) is not overrun by tourists, in addition it's an insider tip, as most Chinese photographers know this Great Wall section as a photographer's paradise. Today we will have a late lunch and you will enjoy a delicious BBQ trout. After returning in the early evening, we will take you for a typical Beijing Dinner.



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After an early dinner, the guide will take families to watch an Acrobatic show at a local theater. **(Optional program)**

Overnight at Guxiang #20

Meals: B, L, D

Day4: Beijing to Xi'an

After breakfast, we transfer to the **Summer Palace** and start the day with a classic **Taiji lesson** in the park. Later we transfer to **Heavens Temple** and have lunch in the area. In the afternoon we visit Liulichang, where you can enjoy a traditional **tea ceremony** and also buy the classic Chinese roll paintings.

After a local dinner, we transfer to the train station where you take the night train to Xian.

Overnight on **Train**

Meals: B, L, D

Day5: Xi'an

Today upon arrival, we will have a western breakfast in the hotel. After check-in at the hotel, we head off to the **Terracotta Army**, created to guard the tomb of Qin Shihuang the first emperor to unite China. One of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries of all times, the Terracotta Army is designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We leisurely admire this vast array of soldiers. After lunch, we visit the **Big Wild Goose Pagoda**, one of the most famous pagodas in China. This provides an opportunity to reflect on how the location of Xi'an at the eastern end of the Silk Road made it a flourishing center of Buddhist development in ancient China. Tonight we will have dinner at a **vegetarian restaurant**.

Overnight at Gloria hotel

Meals: B, L, D

Day6: Xi'an

In the morning, we visit the **Shaanxi History Museum**, spending two hours studying the treasures from more than 1,000 years ago that have been unearthed in Xi'an, the ancient capital of China. After a lunch of the traditional noodles for which Xi'an is famous, we visit the **Great Mosque and walk around the Muslim quarter**. Here we find a way of life that derives as much from the ancient cultures of Central Asia as it does from China. For over 1,300 years, Muslims have been an integral part of the colorful daily life of Xi'an. As sunset approaches, we **bike along the Ming Dynasty City Walls** that still encircle the old city, and then continue our exploration of Xi'an cuisine at a local restaurant for dinner. After enjoying a distinctively Xi'an dinner, featuring lamb at the Lao Sun Jia Restaurant which has been in operation for many decades, we mingle



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with local people, visit shops that remain open until late in the evening or watch a Tang dynasty dancing show (**optional program**)

Overnight at Gloria hotel
Meals: B, L, D

Day7: Xi'an to Chengdu

This morning, we visit the **Forest of Stone Tablets**, which contains China's finest collection of calligraphy by famous ancient masters. Here, not only can one find samples of the works of the most famous calligraphers, but also samples of each of the major calligraphic scripts. We will learn **calligraphy** or **paper cutting** with local people and head off to the airport. We will have lunch at the airport.

In the early evening we take a flight from Xian to Chengdu. Upon arrival in Chengdu, Our guide will pick up us at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In the evening we have a typical Sichuan dinner.

Overnight at Yinhe Dynasty hotel
Meals: B, L, D

Day8: Chengdu

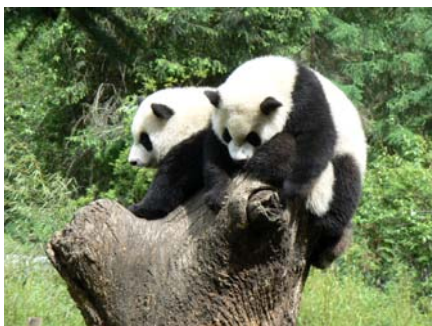
In the morning we transfer to **Sanxingdui Museum**, one of China's most interesting museums, to explore the ancient Shu kingdom. After lunch we transfer to the famous water irrigation project of Dujiangyan. In the evening, we have a typical Sichuan hot pot dinner with a **face mask changing show**.

Overnight at Yinhe Dynasty hotel
Meals: B, L, D

Day9: Chengdu

Today is probably the highlight of the trip for the kids. For one day they can be a **Panda Keeper**. After an early breakfast, you will be transferred to the Panda Base. Start time in the base will be at 8:15 am and you will be taking care of the Pandas and cleaning their perimeters, taking care of their food, washing them, observing their behavior and also being a witness to a training session with the Pandas. Our farewell dinner will be at one of the best trendy Sichuan restaurants – Gingko Restaurant

Keeper of the Day





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Schedule for One Day

Check in with Research Base staff and register. (5 minutes)
Brief introduction to the Research Base and safety rules. (15 minutes)
Tour Research Base with one of our trained guides to learn more about giant and red pandas and the work of the Research Base. Watch panda film. (90 minutes)
Learn and perform keeper duties for pandas. (2 visitors per keeper and panda enclosure) (1 hour in morning, 1 hour in afternoon)
Observe a behavioral training session with your panda (30 minutes)
Award an International Volunteer Certification and souvenir to visitors. (10 minutes)
Free time to purchase souvenirs at breeding center.(30 minutes)

Your keeper work will include:

- Feeding your panda (fresh bamboo, apple, special biscuit and/or vegetables)
- Clean panda enclosure (to give the panda a clean and comfortable place)
- Weigh your panda's feces (This is one of the most effective ways to know the health of a panda)
- Clean bamboo (It is important to give pandas clean food)
- Clean your panda (Rinse your panda with cool water and see how much they enjoy it, but just in summer)
- Weigh fresh bamboo (It is important to know how much is offered to pandas, how much they consume, and the weight of their feces. Proper bamboo consumption is critical to the health of pandas)
- Weigh the bamboo after panda eats (To know how much they have eaten)
- Give an ice block to your panda (This helps them to stay cool in summer, and they love them!)

Overnight at Yinhe Dynasty hotel

Meals: B, L, D

Day10: Chengdu to Home

We will have packed breakfast this morning and catch an early morning flight to Hong Kong or Beijing, then catch a flight back to Canada.

Our guide will say goodbye at the airport to the families. End of services at the Chengdu airport.

Meal: B



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Quotation for Group Departure: Land Cost base on 4-20pax

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Land Prices (CAD)

Dates	Adults	Teens 12-17	Children Under 12
26June-06July, 08	2,560	2,460	2,360
04July-14July, 08	2,560	2,460	2,360
06Sep-16Sep, 08	2,560	2,460	2,360
18Sep-28Sep, 08	2,560	2,460	2,360
Single supplement	760	760	760

Flights

Call for international air.

Call for tailor-made your private journey

Trip Discount

Additional discount of \$200 applies for children under 12 sharing a triple with two adults.

The discount is for the child only.

Price includes:

- Domestic economy flights and airport taxes.
- Land transfers for whole trip (Including train ride from Beijing to Xi'an on soft sleeping bed)
- All accommodations on a twin-sharing basis, at the hotels specified in the itinerary where available
- All admissions and activity expenses as noted on itinerary
- Meals, drinking water, and soft drinks during meals as program indicates
- All programs as per itinerary
- Private tour guide and driver
- Tour leader service along the whole trip once group size is bigger than 8pax

Price excludes:

- Discretionary gratuities for drivers, local guides, and staff
- Expenses of personal nature, e.g. mini-bar, laundry, telecommunications, alcoholic beverages etc.
- Travel insurance



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- Excursions not included in the itinerary
- International flights and airport taxes
- GST