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## Family & Fun Program

### CN4 – Must to See China – 11 Days

#### Detailed Day – by-Day Itinerary

##### **Day 1 Arrive in Beijing**

Upon arrival at Beijing Capital International Airport, we meet our tour guide, transfer to the hotel and check in. Tonight we have our welcome Peking Duck Dinner at a local Restaurant.

Overnight: Guxiang #20 Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

##### **Day 2 Beijing**

We depart this morning for an excursion on the Great Wall with our picnic lunch. Though the underlying architecture dates from the Ming Dynasty, the original plan for the Great Wall and some of its construction date back to the Qin Dynasty (221-207 BC). We visit **the Great Wall at Mutianyu**, where we take a short and easy hike, and then have time to return to Beijing in the mid-afternoon.



After dinner, we drive to the theatre to enjoy the acrobatics show.

Overnight: Guxiang #20 Hotel

Meals: B, L, D

##### **Day 3 Beijing**

After breakfast we drive to visit the **Summer Palace**, a favorite haunt of the Empress Dowager. Kunming Lake, with its willow-fringed shore and marble bridges is a popular place for boating in summer and ice-skating in winter. There we take a 1-hour boat ride and enjoy the beautiful landscape.

After lunch, we drive to **the Temple of Heaven**, where emperors once prayed for a good harvest, making offerings of grain, silk and animals. Constructed during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the harmonious proportions and bold colors of the Temple of Heaven make it a masterpiece of Chinese architecture. The highlight of the Temple of Heaven is the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests, built without a single nail. Our Temple of Heaven tour is followed by a biking tour of Old Beijing. We explore the city's traditional neighborhoods, called **hutongs** (literally, alleyways). Here, we can get an idea of what the entire city once looked like and experience the traditional way of life.



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Meals: B, L, D

#### **Day 4 Beijing to Xi'an**

This morning after breakfast, we begin our tour. Beijing, the capital of China, has been the political and spiritual center of the Middle Kingdom for more than 500 years. We first visit the **Tiananmen Square**, the location where Mao Zedong proclaimed the founding of the People's Republic of China from the balcony of the Rostrum on October 1, 1949. Afterwards, we visit the magnificent **Forbidden City**, home to 24 emperors. The entire complex consists of 8,706 rooms in which an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people lived including 3,000 eunuchs, as well as maids and concubines, all within 170 acres enclosed by a moat around. Historically strictly off-limits to Chinese ordinary people (hence the name) the gates today lead to a fascinating display of Chinese history in what is probably the best-preserved site of classical Chinese architecture.

In the afternoon, we visit **Beijing Children's Palace** and join one of their classes with the local children, participating in activities such as a painting and singing. There, the children can make friends and find their pen pals. Afterwards, we drive to the airport for our flight to Xi'an.

Upon arrival in Xi'an, we meet our tour guide at the airport and transfer to the hotel. In the evening, we have dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel  
Meals: B, L, D

#### **Day 5 Xi'an**



This morning we visit the **Forest of Steles**, which contains China's finest collection of calligraphy carved into stone 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. **Calligraphy learning** or **lantern making** from our local artist is a plus!

After a lunch of the traditional noodles for which Xi'an is famous, we drive to visit 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 dinner in the evening, we take a walk to the Muslim neighborhood.



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Meals: B, L, D

### Day 6 Xi'an

This morning, we drive to **Huxian Township** for **painting and paper cutting**. The painting style in Huxian is said to originate from the late 1950s when Hu township peasants built a new reservoir and began to paint the work in progress for record purposes. The paper cutting in Huxian is also highly praised as "the parent national art and the living historical fossil of Yellow River Culture". UNESCO has listed this art form on the directory of "World Cultural Heritage". Like many other art forms, the folk art of paper cutting roots in definite social life and social environment. Our lunch is at a local family where we **make and have dumplings**. We drive back to the city in the afternoon, biking on the **Ming Dynasty City Wall** in the late afternoon.

Overnight: Gloria Hotel  
Meals: B, L, D

### Day 7 Xi'an to Guilin



We take a morning flight to Guilin where we can have a rest and free afternoon. After dinner in the evening, we drive to **watch cormorant fishing** on the Li River. The cormorant is a type of bird, and in Guilin they have traditionally been trained to catch fish for their fishermen. A cormorant can live to be 10 years and starts to be trained when just 6 months.

Overnight at Park Hotel  
Meals: B, L, D

### Day 8 Guilin to Yangshuo

After breakfast, we drive to the pier and board a ship for a two-hour cruise on the **Li River**. We get off at Xingping Township and spend a short time exploring this little town, eating lunch in Xingping. In the afternoon, we drive to another old town named Fuli. Fuli is also located on the Li River where we can visit a family owned paper fan making workshop, a local market and a rice wine brewery on the old streets. Then, we have a short drive to Yangshuo where we check into the hotel. Afterwards, we have free time to explore the **West Street** before our dinner at a café.

Overnight at Paradise hotel  
Meals: B, L, D



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### **Day 9 Yangshuo**

In the morning, we **bike** to a pier on the Yulong River and ride a bamboo raft downstream. The Yulong River is called the Lesser Li River with peaks rising up around it, terraced paddies and water buffalos wandering the shores. We bring the bikes with us on the rafts and when we disembark we bike towards Moon Hill. We savor lunch at a restaurant overlooking the Yulong River.

After lunch, we climb up **Moon Hill** for a bird's-eye-view of the breath-taking surroundings. After the climb, we bike back to Yangshuo and freshen up before our dinner.

Overnight at Paradise hotel

Meals: B, L, D

### **Day 10 Yangshuo to Shanghai**

This morning we drive about an hour and a half to Guilin, where we catch our flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival in Shanghai, your family is free to spend the afternoon exploring.

Overnight at Regal International Hotel (Five star)

Meals: B, L, D

### **Day 11 Flying Home**

This morning you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home. We'll board a very early flight home, crossing the international

Meals: B

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

2008		Land Prices (CAD)		
Dates	Adults	Teens 12-17	Children Under 12	
26June-06July, 08	2,360	2,260	2,160	
04July-14July, 08	2,360	2,260	2,160	
06Sep-16Sep, 08	2,360	2,260	2,160	
18Sep-28Sep, 08	2,360	2,260	2,160	



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Single Supplement	650	650	650
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*(Guaranteed group departure once size reach 4pax)*

### **Flights**

Call for international air.

Call your tour expert 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.
- Private land transfers for whole trip
- 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
- Excursions not included in the itinerary
- International flights and airport taxes
- GST