



"See World Differently"

Pre or Extension Tour Program

CN 18 - Shanghai – At the Crossroads of Cultures – 4 Days

Day by Day Itinerary:

Day 1: Shanghai



Upon arrival, we start our tour with a walk on Shanghai's great landmark, **the Bund**, where the great foreign commercial houses and banks built their imposing office buildings in the first half of the twentieth century. Our walk takes us along the edge of the Huangpu River, affording a sweeping view of the architectural splendor of the entire Bund, and our guide points out to us some of the buildings that are most interesting from the point of view of architecture and history. We have a glimpse into the ornate foyers of one or two of them, and then we cross over the river to ultra-modern Pudong and spend an hour in Shanghai's fascinating, state of the art Shanghai Museum of History, where the dioramas bring Shanghai's extraordinary past to life.

Our lunch is taken at an intimate Shanghai restaurant, Xin Jishi, located in Xin Tian Di, a trendy up market recreation of Shanghai's traditional **shikumen** architecture, filled with restaurants, boutiques and teahouses. We sample a few of the dishes for which Shanghai is most famous, and then take a few minutes to walk through Xin Tiandi's delightful exhibit of life as it was lived in a traditional Chinese shikumen house a century ago.

Our first dinner will be at a local artist's cozy restaurant. While we taste the local Shanghai food, we can have chance to enjoy paintings and experience the local Shanghai people's new trendy life.

Overnight at Old house (Atmosphere hotel)

Meals: B, L, D

Day 2: Shanghai

Our morning starts with a special visit at a **local veggie market**, where we will see the true life of Shanghai people. Then we take up with a visit to the old Chinese city and the **Yu Gardens**, where we have a light lunch of Shanghai's famous dumplings, "xiao long bao".



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We then move on to the **Shanghai Museum**, which contains one of the world's finest collections of Chinese art, all housed in a state-of-the-art museum. We move through the museum guided by the excellent audio self-guide, and then spend a few minutes in the museum shop browsing among the many excellent books available on Chinese art, history, and culture. Our late afternoon program takes us to the north

side of **Suzhou Creek**, into what used to be the **Japanese Concession** and to **Duo Lun Street**, which preserves the style of life of the Chinese literary community of the 1920's and 1930's. We visit one or two of the homes of China's famous writers, browse in art and bookstores, and stop for a cup of coffee and snack in a traditional coffee shop. Here we meet our local Shanghai economy and history expert for sharing Shanghai's past and updates.

Our dinner is taken in a bustling Shanghai restaurant, Jade Garden, where we sample a variety of dishes from the provinces immediately surrounding Shanghai city. Then we are off to watch a superb exhibition of acrobatic skills.

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Day 3: Shanghai



In the morning we embark on a walking tour of some of the tree shaded streets of the **French Concession**. Most of the houses of this area remain intact, providing a charming area for strolling, imagining the life of Shanghai's wealthy community prior to World War II, browsing in a few shops and sampling a few of China's most famous teas in a tea shop. To see what the interiors of these houses looked like, we spend a few minutes to go through either

the home of Sun Yatsen or of Song Qingling.

After lunch, we drive one hour to **Zhujiajiao water town**. Before it became an international trading port, Shanghai and the area around it depended heavily on fishing; the way of life was closely related to the waterways which interconnected all the towns and villages of the region and to the nearby lakes with their abundance of aquatic life. We explore some of these ancient villages, strolling through their cobbled streets, and



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admiring the picturesque Ming and Qing dynasty houses, shops and stone bridges. These villages provide a lovely contrast to the glamour and glitz of Shanghai.

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Day 4: Shanghai

This morning, we will catch the morning flight to home. Service ends in Shanghai airport.

Meal: B



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Quotation for Program (base on 2pax)

2008	Land Prices (CAD)
Dates	All Year Around
Land cost for Atmosphere hotel:	From 1,050
Single supplement	185
Land cost for five Star hotel:	From 1,240
Single supplement	275

Flights

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Triple 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
- 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 when group size is bigger than 10pax.

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