

# Canadians travel to China visa-free for 30 days

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## 13-DAY 5-star Essence of China with Terracotta Warriors

BEIJING - SUZHOU - WUXI - HANGZHOU - SHANGHAI - XI'AN

Tour Code: 26ESSTW13

### Departure dates (Dates arrivals Beijing):

Mar: 10,17 Apr: 4 May: 5,12,19,26 Jun: 2,27 Aug: 4,11,18  
Sep: 2,19 Oct: 13,20,27 Nov: 3,10

### A:Tour Itinerary

#### DAY 1 Beijing Arrival (PEK or PKX)

Welcome to Beijing! Upon arrival at Beijing Airport, you will be escorted directly to your hotel.

Meals: In-flight meals

Accommodation: Jianguo Hotel Beijing Universal or similar 5\*

Arrival day airport transfer: For flights arriving between 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, we will arrange three free airport pick-ups depending on the actual situation. For flights arriving outside of these times, additional pick-up fees \$50/P will apply.

#### DAY 2 Beijing – Leisure Day

Today is a leisure day to relax and explore at your own pace. You may choose to unwind at the hotel and recover from last night's journey, while enjoying the stylish comfort and modern amenities of your hotel.

If you prefer an adventure, consider a trip to **Universal Studios** with your family. We offer complimentary shuttle service and ticket booking—just be sure to let us know at least two weeks in advance.

You could also visit **Wanli**, one of China's largest newly opened lifestyle hubs. It combines outlet shopping, art spaces, entertainment, and dining all under one roof.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jianguo Hotel Beijing Universal or similar 5\*

#### DAY 3 Beijing – Tiananmen Square & Hutong

After breakfast, set out with your guide to discover Beijing's iconic imperial treasures. Visit the immense **Tiananmen Square** and explore its sacred grounds. Following the tour, enjoy free time to explore the city at your leisure, or opt for an enhanced experience with one of our optional excursions.

In the afternoon, immerse yourself in the charm of old Beijing on our complimentary **Hutong Life Tour**. Stroll through narrow lanes lined with traditional courtyard houses, observing local life and architecture at a leisurely pace. This intimate experience offers a unique glimpse into the city's vibrant history and hidden corners.

**Optional tour: Forbidden City Tour**(\$80.00/pp)

Step into the world-famous **Forbidden City**, the vast complex that served as the imperial palace for centuries during the Ming and Qing dynasties. Explore this architectural wonder and discover the priceless collection of the National Palace Museum within its walls.

**Optional tour: Peking Duck Banquet**(\$50.00/pp)

Your lunch features a culinary highlight: an authentic Peking Duck banquet. The star dish is served with all its traditional sides, accompanied by an array of other exquisite Chinese specialties.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Double Tree by Hilton Beijing Badaling or similar 5\*

#### DAY 4 Jade Carving Workshop and the Great Wall

Today holds a true bucket-list destination: the Great Wall of China. Recognized as one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a UNESCO treasure, the Wall is an breathtaking feat of human endeavor. Your visit focuses on the **Great Wall at Juyongguan section**, one of its three great passes. Situated 60km from Beijing, it once served as a vital fortress guarding the city's northern gateway. Here, you'll have the unforgettable opportunity to walk a winding path along this 21,000 km-long marvel.

On the way, you'll stop at one of China's premier **Jade Exhibitions** to discover the story behind this celebrated stone. Once back in Beijing, the evening is yours to relax or enhance your journey with an optional activity.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Double Tree by Hilton Beijing Badaling or similar 5\*

**Optional tour: Dream of the Great Wall Show** (only staged between May and October) (\$80.00/pp)

This is a breathtaking large-scale live performance set against the venue of the World Horticultural Exposition under the Great Wall of China. It is a powerful artistic journey that uses the Great Wall—a symbol of Chinese perseverance and civilization—as its central character. It incorporates renowned figures, literary works, stories, and anecdotes related to the Great Wall, integrating music, dance, costumes, poetry, and folk customs to highlight the unique cultural essence of the Great Wall. This epic performance masterfully blends cutting-edge technology with traditional Chinese arts.

#### DAY 5 Beijing to Suzhou by high-speed train

Your day begins after breakfast with a visit to a **Traditional Chinese Health Center** for an introduction to the world of traditional Chinese medicine. Following this, you may wish to join our optional tour.

In the afternoon, you'll explore the **Temple of Heaven**, Beijing's most sacred imperial temple and a UNESCO-listed masterpiece of architecture and landscape design. The walk to the temple offers a fascinating glimpse into local life, with residents often seen practicing Tai Chi, dancing, or walking with pet birds.

Afterwards you will experience China's world-class high-speed rail network firsthand. Upon arrival, a local guide will escort you to your hotel.

Please note that Suzhou and Wuxi are neighboring cities. Your bullet train may be scheduled to arrive at Wuxi East Station. Please adhere precisely to the details on your train ticket, which will be provided by your Beijing guide.

**Optional tour: Summer Palace with meal**(\$ 90.00/pp)

The Summer Palace is a UNESCO-listed masterpiece of Chinese landscape garden design. Originally an imperial retreat, it perfectly harmonizes breathtaking architecture with natural scenery. Be sure to admire the iconic Long Corridor with its intricately painted scenes, gaze across the serene Kunming Lake, and see the famed Marble Boat that never sets sail. More than just a park, it's a living journey through imperial history and artistic brilliance. Your visit will be complemented by an exquisite Chinese meal.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Double Tree by Hilton Suzhou Wujiang or similar 5\*

PRICE	CAD
Adult(18 Yrs+)	\$1299.00/pp
Single Supplement	\$1100.00/pp
Pre-Pay Gratuity	\$180.00/PP

Extra night hotel: \$190.00/Room/night





## DAY 6 Suzhou - Wuxi by coach

Begin your exploration at the **Lingering Garden**, a jewel in Suzhou's crown of classical gardens. With over 60 such gardens, Suzhou is home to more UNESCO World Heritage-listed gardens than any city on earth. Next, immerse yourself in the art of silk at the Suzhou **Silk Factory**, considered the largest in China, where you'll learn about the intricate journey from cocoon to luxurious fabric. Concluding with an optional canal cruise, you'll then embark on a picturesque one-hour drive to Wuxi.

**Optional tour: Suzhou Grand Canal Cruise**(\$60/pp)

Step aboard a traditional boat and slip into the serene, watery heart of old Suzhou. The canal cruise along the historic Shan Tang Street offers a peaceful escape and a unique perspective on a city celebrated for its canals. The journey shows you the "Venice of the East" not as a museum, but as a living, breathing community.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Radisson Blu Resort Wetland Park Wuxi 5\* or similar



## DAY 7 Wuxi - Hangzhou by coach

This morning begins with a visit to Lihu Lake, a scenic inlet of the larger **Taihu Lake**. Renowned for its beautiful parkland and unique attractions, the lake also holds a special place in Chinese culture. Its fame is largely attributed to scholars throughout history, who chronicled that legendary figures like Fan Li and Xi Shi once boated upon these waters. Afterwards, you will visit a freshwater pearl farm by Taihu Lake, where generations have been cultivating pearls in its waters, and their products are sold worldwide.

This afternoon we continue to Hangzhou, a city Marco Polo famously declared the world's most beautiful city.

**Optional tour: Romantic Show of Song-Cheng**(\$105/pp)

The "Romantic Show of Song Cheng" is a must-see cultural icon in Hangzhou. This grand-scale theatrical experience combines powerful performances with impressive sound and light design to narrate the epic story of the city. It transports you through history: includes the imperial grandeur of the Southern Song Dynasty to the bravery of the Yue Army, culminating in beloved legends like "The Butterfly Lovers" etc.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Wyndham Hangzhou East or similar 5\*

## DAY 8 Hangzhou - Shanghai by coach

Known as "Paradise on Earth," Hangzhou's beauty has been celebrated through the ages. Your visit centers on its jewel: the UNESCO-listed West Lake Cultural Landscape, a masterpiece that has captivated generations. You'll then venture into the rolling hillsides to taste the world-renowned Dragon Well tea, a premium green tea cherished for its healthful antioxidants and cultural significance in a tea plantation.

In the afternoon, you depart for the bustling metropolis of Shanghai. To cap off the day, consider the optional Huangpu River cruise, a spectacular way to witness the city's dazzling neon skyline come to life at night.

**Optional tour: Huangpu River Cruise**(\$60/pp)

Shanghai is a city that captivates both day and night. A night cruise offers a front-row seat to its sparkling spectacle. The historic Bund glows under shimmering lights, presenting a grand gallery of world architecture against the city skyline. The futuristic towers of Lujiazui dazzle with a vibrant palette of dreamlike colors, creating an unforgettable panorama.

**Optional tour: Shanghai ERA Chinese Acrobatic Show**(\$105/pp)

As a multimillion-dollar stunning acrobatic extravaganza, the first of its kind in China, ERA is a multimedia odyssey whose inspiration is a direct result of the combination of traditional Chinese acrobatic arts and modern technology. Just like Shanghai, ERA evolves through a constant collision between the past and future.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Shanghai Xiyang Lake or similar 5\*



## DAY 9 Shanghai

Immerse yourself in the vibrant pulse of Shanghai, home to 26 million and a powerhouse of global finance. Today's exploration starts at the historic **Bund**, where you can stroll along the waterfront and admire its famous row of European-style buildings - a stunning architectural legacy that now anchors the city's "Wall Street of the East." With the rest of the afternoon and evening free, you can relax at your own pace or opt for a curated tour to discover even more of what makes Shanghai extraordinary.

**Optional tour: Shanghai Insight Tour**(\$70.00/pp)

Venture into the heart of Shanghai's financial prowess at **Lujiazui**, where you'll encounter the majestic **Jinmao Tower**. Soaring 420.5 meters over 88 floors, its name evokes "golden prosperity." The building epitomizes a harmonious fusion of timeless Chinese design principles with contemporary global engineering. Next, experience a different side of the city at **Xintiandi**, this celebrated area retains the charm of Shanghai's signature "**Shikumen**" architecture, now revitalized into a stylish cultural and leisure quarter that draws a global audience.

**Optional tour: Shanghai Chinese Acrobatic Show**(\$105.00/pp)

ERA is a grand-scale multimedia spectacle, a breathtaking feat of acrobatics and technology unique in China. It draws its power from the dynamic fusion of traditional artistry and modern innovation, much like the city of Shanghai itself - a place where history and the future are in constant, thrilling dialogue.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Shanghai Xiyang Lake or similar 5\*

## DAY 10 Shanghai - Xi'an by high-speed train or flight

Today you will take a bullet train (A domestic flight may be provided in place of high-speed rail journey) to Xi'an. Visit the incredible **Wild Goose Pagoda**, which is a famous historical landmark in Xi'an. Built around 1,300 years ago during the Tang Dynasty, it was part of a major Buddhist temple.

This brick pagoda stands about 43 meters tall. Unlike many other pagodas, it has a simple and elegant square design. One of its most remarkable features is its survival. It has weathered dozens of earthquakes over the centuries. A major quake even split the top of the pagoda in half, but a later quake miraculously closed the crack, which amazed many people.

**Optional tour: Grand Tang Everbright City & Dumpling Banquet**(\$80.00/pp)

Dive into Xi'an's vibrant nightlife. Begin with a sumptuous dumpling feast before immersing yourself in the electric energy of the **Grand Tang Everbright City**. Wind your way through this modern entertainment hub—a place of shopping, dining, amusement, and lively night markets. Soak up the excitement and captivating culture of this metropolitan heart.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: Jinhui Pullman Hotel Xian or similar 5\*

## DAY 11 Xi'an

Today, you'll embark on a tour to the **Terracotta Warriors**. Accompanied by your expert local guide, marvel at rank upon rank of these enigmatic ancient figures. Later, explore the famous **Muslim Quarter**, a lively street brimming with delicious local snacks and unique souvenirs.

Meals: Breakfast & Lunch

Accommodation: Jinhui Pullman Hotel Xian or similar 5\*



## DAY 12 Xi'an (XIY)- Home by flight

Today marks the final day of your China tour. We hope you've had an amazing trip and are heading back with fantastic memories. Safe travels ahead!

Meals: Breakfast

**Departure day airport transfer:** For flights departing between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM, we will arrange three free airport transfers depending on the actual situation. For flights departing outside of these hours, an additional fee of \$50 per person will be charged.

## DAY 13 Home

You will arrive home today. Thank you for traveling with us, and we hope you return with memories that will last a lifetime.

### Inclusions

11 nights of accommodation in 5-star hotels  
Daily hotel buffet breakfast  
High-speed train tickets as specified (Second Class ticket)  
Services of professional English-speaking tour guides  
All land transportation via air-conditioned coach  
All entrance fees for scheduled sightseeing activities  
Two bottles of water on each full sightseeing day

### Exclusions

International airfare to and from China  
Chinese visa application and processing fees  
Comprehensive travel insurance  
Any personal expenses and meals not outlined in the itinerary  
Costs associated with optional activities and excursions  
Prepaid Mandatory Tipping \$180.00/pp  
Personal shopping, laundry, telephone calls, and other incidental expenses

### Important information

- 1.Itineraries and schedules are subject to change without notice. No refunds or price adjustments will be issued for changes made under these circumstances.
- 2.The price is for double occupancy, if a guest cancels the trip, the roommate needs to pay for a single supplement or cancel the trip also. For a third person sharing the room, a sofa bed or a cot will be provided.
- 3.This tour is for participants aged 18 and over, any participant under 18 is subject to a supplemental fee of \$180.00/pp, full payment is required for all optional activities and gratuities.
- 4.One free airport transfer in Beijing and one for departure in Xi'an are arranged. Pls see Day1 and Day12 for Details. Transfers outside the timing periods can be arranged privately for an additional fee of \$50.00/pp, 2 people or more per time.
- 5.All guests must follow the published group itinerary. The local service provider reserves the right to cancel any onward travel arrangements for guests who deviate from the planned schedule. This requirement does not apply to optional tours.
- 6.If you choose not to join an optional tour, your guide will drop you at a designated location and tell you when and where to rejoin the group. If you prefer to return to the hotel or explore independently, your guide can help arrange a private transfer for you in advance, the cost of any private transfer will be your own expense.
- 7.Cancellation & Refund Policy: Cancellations made 16 or more days prior to the scheduled departure date are eligible for a partial refund with a handling fee \$100.00/pp reduced. No refunds will be granted for cancellations made within 16 days of departure.