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**Post-cruise optional tours in
Shanghai and Xi'an**



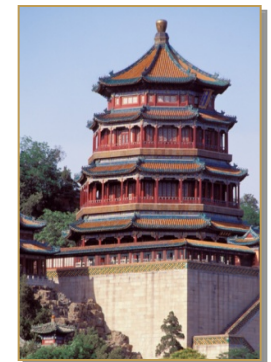
Your Quick View Itinerary

Fri, 4/25	Arrive Shanghai	Cruise Pier Pickup, Yu Garden, Historical Tour
Sat, 4/26	Shanghai – Xi'an	Shanghai Museum, Fly to Xi'an, Transfer to Hilton Hotel
Sun, 4/27	Xi'an	Terracotta Warriors with Viewing Platform, History Museum, Noodle & Dumpling Lesson
Mon, 4/28	Xi'an	Muslim Quarter & Great Mosque, Yangling Museum with Restoration Room, Depart Xi'an

Itinerary Map



“I have not told half of what I saw.”
 Marco Polo



Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1, Friday, 4/25 – Shanghai

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This morning you will be met by a China Host at your ship. You will be transferred from Baoshan Cruise Terminal to downtown **Shanghai** (approx 1 hour). Shanghai will take your breath away. Since the early 80's this city has been growing like no other, the Pudong waterfront becoming as emblematic of economic prowess as that of Manhattan or Hong Kong.

This morning we will visit the **Yu Gardens**, one of the best examples of traditional Chinese garden design in the country. Afterwards, you will have some time to stroll through Shanghai's Old Quarter.

En route to lunch, we will travel along sycamore-lined boulevards into the heart of the **French Concession**. This section of the "Paris of the Orient" now hosts many arts-based businesses and art galleries that we can visit if you so desire.

Your tour of Shanghai continues with a **lecture/tour on colonial architecture** in Shanghai given by a member of the Shanghai Historical Society. This tour will take you into some of the most important buildings along the Bund and French Concessions including the former Hong Kong Shanghai Bank. (Peninsula Hotel – Deluxe River View Room)

Day 2, Saturday, 4/26 – Shanghai/Xi'an

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This morning we take you to visit the **Shanghai Museum**, one of the most modern in the country. Arranged by category rather than according to a chronology, its collection introduces and elucidates the gamut of Chinese arts from ceramics to jade and ivory carvings to paintings.

This afternoon we fly to our next destination, the ancient capital of **Xi'an**. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. (Hilton Hotel – Deluxe Room)



Shanghai Bund



French Concession Mansion



Hotel Profile

Peninsula Hotel Shanghai



The Shanghai Peninsula evokes the Art Deco era. Comfortable rooms are equipped with the latest room technology featuring low cost, IP telephone calling and free internet service.

Location: at the north end of the historic Bund.



Rooms: 235
www.peninsula.com



Day by Day Itinerary

Day 3, Sunday, 4/27 — Xi'an

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Competing Chinese kingdoms were united for the first time within a Chinese empire by the virile King Zheng, of the Kingdom of Qin. Many claim that this first Imperial dynasty of “Qin” (pronounced “chin”) gives English the etymological root for the name “China”. China’s first ever Emperor, known as Qinshihuangdi, designated Xi’an the capital of his rule. He arranged for an underground army to be buried in his tomb. These are the stunning **Terracotta Warriors**, which you will visit this morning. Once there, you will be granted special access to a **viewing platform** where you can admire the warriors away from the crowds.

As the capital of twelve dynasties spanning over 1,100 years, Xi’an will certainly not disappoint art enthusiasts. For example, where else would you expect to find wonderful Tang dynasty ceramic horses but in its former capital? The collection at Xi’an’s **History Museum** traces the city’s development from the matriarchal societies of the third millennium BC to China’s apogee under the mighty Tang dynasty (618–907AD).

This evening you will enjoy a private dumpling-making and noodle-throwing lesson by the hotel’s expert chefs.

Day 4, Monday, 4/28 — Xi'an

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China’s capital during the Han (206BC–220AD) and Tang (618–907AD) dynasties, periods of increasing international exposure, Xi’an became home to communities of Nestorian Christians, Zoroastrians, Buddhists, Jews, and Muslims — many of whom have left their mark. This morning, for example, you will tour the **Beilin Museum**, a former Confucian Temple which houses an eighth century Christian stone tablet amongst its collection of Chinese Classics. Following this, we will observe the enduring influence of Xi’an’s Muslim community in its **Great Mosque** and forever-bustling Muslim Quarter.

Additionally, you may wish to visit the stunning **Yangling Museum**, dedicated to the tomb of the Western Han dynasty emperor, Liu Qiu (188–141BCE). The artifacts unearthed here, while similar in purpose to those found in the more famous tomb of Emperor Qin, are far more varied. For example they include courtesans, buildings and farm animals as well as soldiers. Highly stylized, they are also elegant — this is one of the most sophisticated displays you will find anywhere in China.



Terracotta Warriors



Grand Mosque



Hotel Profile

Hilton Xi'an



A brand new hotel in a central location, the Hilton combines contemporary design with Tang Dynasty artwork.

Location: Within Xi’an’s ancient walled city, towards the east.



www.hilton.com

Day by Day Itinerary

Day 4, Monday, 4/28 – Xi'an (continued)

We will take you to the **restoration room** within the nearby research center to introduce the tools and methodologies used to conserve and repair the antiquities. Apart from enjoying closer access to the hundreds of pieces in this restricted area, the repair room features some valuable pieces not on display in the glass-encased burial pits of the museum.

Later you will be transferred to the airport in time for your onward flight (*this itinerary assumes one group transfer. Other transfers will be available at additional cost*).

Optional Experience

We have not included the optional experience that follows in our quoted price, but encourage you to consider this to further enhance your experience of China.

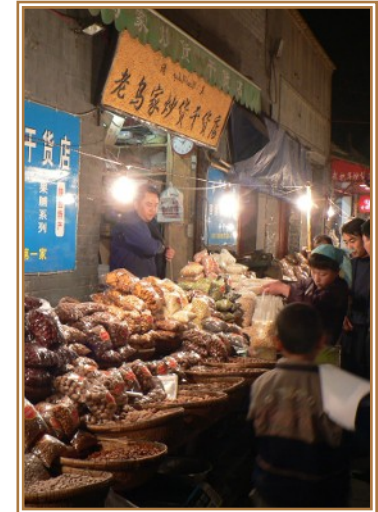
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Shopping With a Pearl Expert

If you are tempted to purchase pearls in Shanghai and you do not have specialized knowledge in this field, why not engage Imperial Tour's fee-based pearl expert to help you find a quality set at a fair price. Certified through the Gemological Institute of America, she will guide you to the traders most suitable for your needs – far from the tourist crowds – and help you navigate an elegant and wide array of freshwater, Tahitian, and South Sea pearls. (\$125 per person)



Terracotta Warriors



Muslim Quarters Bazaar



Yangling Museum, Xi'an

Tour Quotation

- \$2,999 pp (based on 10–15 people)
- \$2,699 pp (based on 16–20 people)
- \$2,599 pp (based on 21 or more people)
- For single occupancy, a supplement of \$699 applies.
- \$299 per person for upgrades to first class on the Shanghai/Xi'an flight.
- 3% price discount available for clients paying by check or wire transfer.

Included in the tour price are:

- 3 nights accommodation in outstanding five star hotels
- 3 breakfasts (buffet breakfast), 4 lunches, 3 dinners at our carefully selected restaurants (including soft drinks and local beer)
- Services of a Western bilingual China Host and local tour guides
- 1 flight (Shanghai to Xi'an) in economy class
- All land transportation (as listed on the itinerary)
- Entrance fees to all tourist sites (as listed on the itinerary)
- Baggage handling, domestic airport, city and hotel taxes
- All gratuities

Not included in the tour price are:

- International airfare to/from China, visa processing fees, travel insurance
- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, imported mineral waters, excess luggage fees, telephone charges, room service, and laundry charges

- Please note that the China Host will eat with you during lunches and dinners throughout the trip. This is to ensure that you are receiving the best possible service. If, at any time, you would prefer to dine on your own, please let the China Host know.
- Please note that no arrangements have been made and are not guaranteed until Imperial Tours receives a deposit.

PAYMENT

In conformity with Imperial Tour's participation in the Travel Money Protection Plan — regarded as the most secure consumer protection plan in the travel industry — all funds paid to us, whether by check, credit card or wire transfer will be deposited in an escrow account, held at the Shelby Financial Corporation/Bank of America, until after the completion of your trip. We accept check, wire transfer, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover. A deposit amount of 10% is due at the time of booking. The remaining 90% of the tour price can be settled 60 days prior to tour departure.

CANCELLATION CHARGES

a) Should you decide to cancel your tour between the time of deposit and 90 days prior to the tour, you will forfeit \$250 per person, between 90 and 60 days prior to departure, you will forfeit \$500, between 60 and 30 days prior to departure, you will forfeit 25% of the tour price, between 30 and 15 days you will forfeit 50% of the tour price, from 14 days or less, you will forfeit 70% of the tour price and from 3 days or less, you will forfeit 100% of the tour price.

b) All notices of cancellation must be written to be effective. The date of cancellation will be the date of reception by Imperial Tours' personnel.