

China Heritage Tours



Prepare to be spellbound on this once-in-a-lifetime trip as adoptees experience the unique opportunity to reconnect with their first country and culture. Climb the Great Wall and explore the iconic spots in Beijing; take in the ancient wonders of Xian with the Terra Cotta Horses and Warriors Museum. You'll also enjoy China's rustic countryside, enjoy family "downtime" and the hands-on activities throughout. The carefully crafted itinerary provides an array of experiences as it travels and provides both a broad and "dialed-in" perspective inside this vast country.

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Code: **LY-HA25**

Trip Duration: **12 days/10 nights**

Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Guilin, Yangshuo

Departure Dates:

May 14th, Jun 18th, Jun 25th, Jul 23rd, Aug 6th, 2025

DAY 1 : WEDNESDAY NORTH AMERICA/BEIJING

meals: **N/A**

Leave your home city for Beijing today.

DAY 2 : THURSDAY BEIJING

meals: **N/A**

Arrive at the Beijing International Airport. Your private English-speaking guide and driver will take you to your hotel.

DAY 3 : FRIDAY BEIJING

meals: **B/L**

Begin your day with a tour at the Forbidden City. Listed as a world heritage site in 1987, the Forbidden City contains the largest group of intact palace structures in the world. The palace is 720,000 square meters in size and contains 9,999 rooms, numerous pavilions, gardens and courtyards. Then visit Tiananmen Square. Noted as the largest city square in the world, the square was initially designed for political rallies and important gala events.

Today the square is flanked by the Forbidden City in the north, the Great Hall of the People in the west, Mao TseTung's Mausoleum in the south and the Museum of Chinese Revolution and the Museum of Chinese History in the east. Explore the fascinating Hutong neighborhoods in afternoon. Beijing's oldest Hutongs were constructed during Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties.

Your tour will take you through some of the best-preserved Hutong neighborhoods that represent the history, culture and lifestyle of old Beijing. Enjoy a special homemade lunch at a local family residence in the Hutong Lane area.



DAY 4 : SATURDAY BEIJING

meals: **B/L/D**

Begin your day with a tour at the Great Wall. Constructed more than 2,000 years ago by China's first emperor, the ancient wall is 6,350 km or about 4,000 miles in length. Visit the Peking Duck Restaurant and see how the professional chef roasts Peking duck - Beijing's most famous dish, is traditionally served with Mandarin pancakes, and green onions for brushing on the hoisin sauce. Enjoy your Peking Duck dinner there.



DAY 5 : SUNDAY BEIJING/XIAN

meals: **B/L**

Begin your day with a tour at the Temple of Heaven and the Summer Palace. After the included Chinese lunch, get onboard a bullet train for your journey to Xian.

Beijing/Xian

Bullet Train G661(4:15P/9:57P)

(Your tour guide has tickets)

Arrive at the Xian Bei (North) Train Station. Meet your local English speaking tour guide and private van driver at the station exit for transfer to the hotel.



DAY 6 : MONDAY XIAN

meals: **B/L**

Travel on top of the 950-year-old city wall on a bike; be sure to enjoy the panoramic view. Built during the early Ming Dynasty with a core of mud and covered by three layers of bricks. Xian's city wall is the only city wall that remains intact in China today. After Chinese lunch, you will visit the Xi'an Museum in afternoon.



DAY 7 : TUESDAY XIAN/HU COUNTY

meals: **B/L/D**

Embark on an amazing historical and cultural adventure today beginning with the exploration of the Terracotta Warriors & Horses Museum, a UNESCO world heritage site since 1987. Created 2,000 years ago to guard the tomb of China's first emperor QinShiHuang, time and the elements have gradually worn away the vibrant painted details from the soldiers and horses to reveal their original earthy terracotta color.



Visit the local elementary school and have a 45-minutes class with the local children (Please remember to bring some gifts to the children for the school visit). Continue your trip to Hu County famous for its peasant farmer artists who create vibrantly colored peasant paintings and intricate paper cutouts.

Tonight you will have the rare opportunity to stay at the Donghan Village and learn to make JiaoZi (traditional Chinese dumplings), enjoy a home-made JiaoZi dinner there. After dinner, tonight you will have a dancing party with local farmers at the village grain-sunning ground.



DAY 8 : WEDNESDAY HU COUNTY/XIAN/CHENGDU

meals: **B/D**

Enjoy a rare glimpse into China's countryside living through a visit to the workshops and galleries where you can learn about the artist's special techniques, purchase artwork or paper cutouts and even try your hand at creating your own magnificent work of art. Visit the farmer's old village and you will be surprised by the huge difference between the old village and new village where you are staying.

You will be transferred to the Xian Bei (North) Train Station for the trip to Chengdu by bullet train.

Xian/Chengdu

Bullet Train D1937(2:00P/5:43P)
(Your local guide has tickets)



Arrive at the Chengdu Dong (East) Train Station. Please meet your local guide and driver at the station exit for transfer to the hotel.

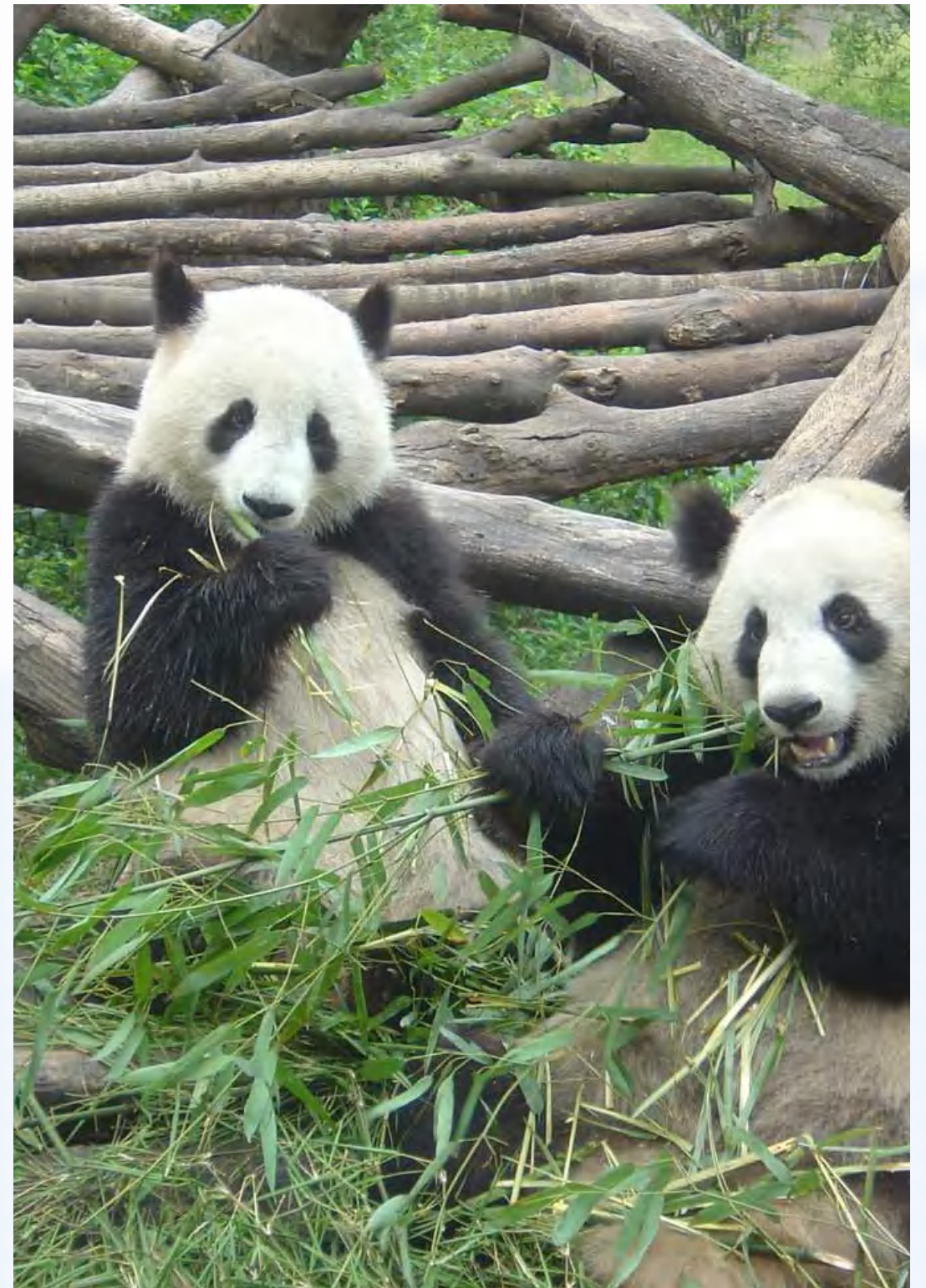
DAY 9 : THURSDAY CHENGDU/GUILIN

meals: **B/L**

Go on an extraordinary journey to the Panda Breeding Research Base this morning. After lunch, visit the Chengdu old town – JingLi Street, which combines the culture of the Three Kingdoms Period with the folk customs of Sichuan. The tea-houses, stores and hotels are modeled on the architectural style of a traditional old town in western Sichuan Province from the Qing (1644-1911) Dynasty.

As you stroll down the narrow streets, you will find local artisan Shu Embroidery, lacquer products, calligraphy work and other local handicrafts. Visiting stores on this street, one feels like you have catapulted back in time and you will appreciate the relaxing and local unique flavor of this ancient street.

You will be transferred to the Chengdu Airport for your trip to Guilin at late afternoon.



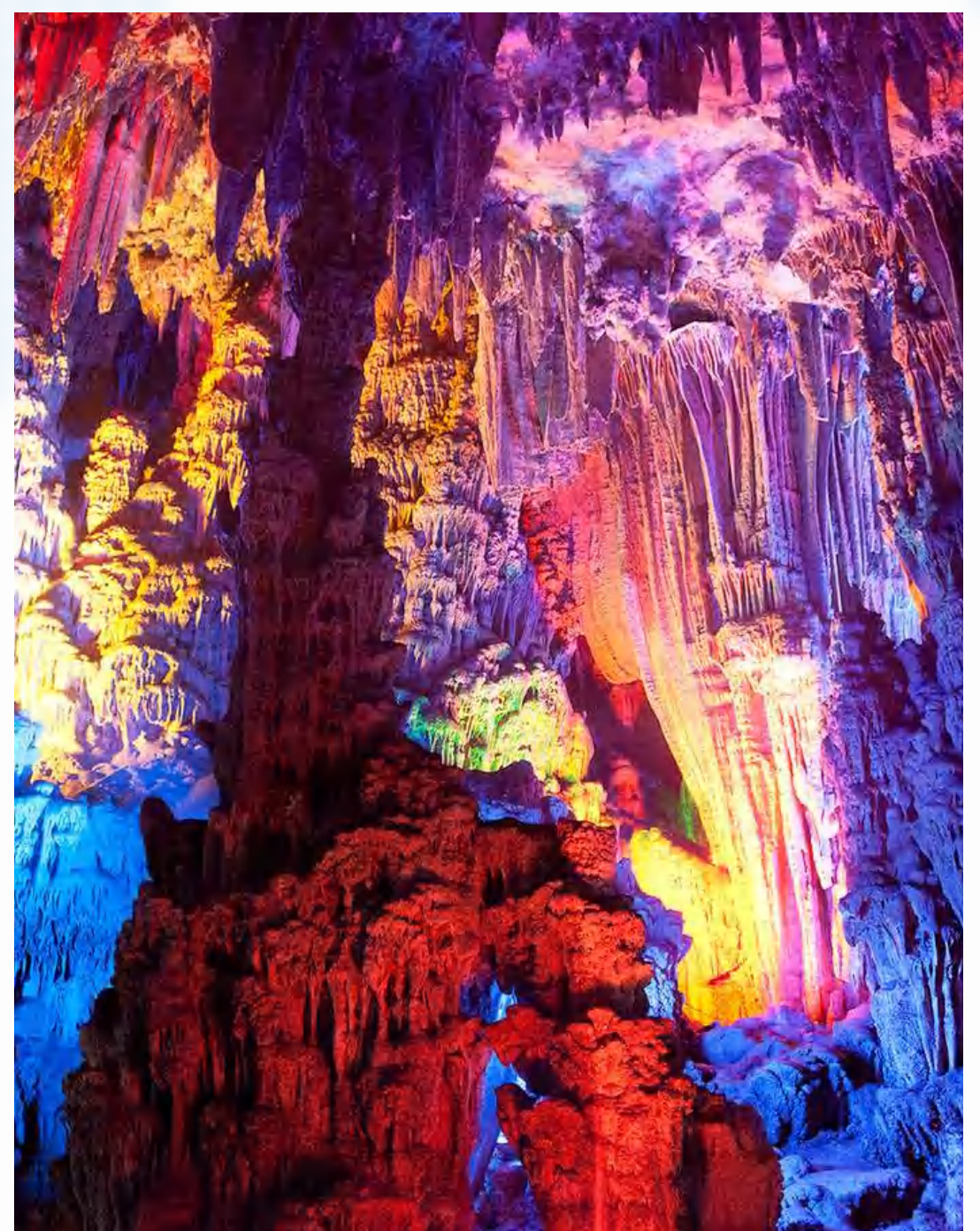
Chengdu/Guilin CA4323(7:15P/8:55P)
(E-tickets issued by our China office)

Meet your tour guide at the Guilin Airport exit for transfer to the hotel.

DAY 10 : FRIDAY GUILIN

meals: **B/L**

Visit the tea farm this morning. You will have Guilin Rice noodle for your lunch in one of the local famous rice noodle restaurants. More than 700 years ago, the Italian traveler, Marco Polo, introduced spaghetti to Italy, then to all western countries. After your Guilin Rice noodle lunch, you won't be surprised why local people can have noodles every day, every meal. Explore the Reed Flute Caves in afternoon. Enjoy the gorgeous views of beautiful backdrops created by the cool atmosphere and colorful lighting displays inside the caves as you pass by many fanciful shapes (don't forget to look for the Monkey King).



DAY 11 : SATURDAY GUILIN/YANGSHUO/GUILIN

meals: **B/L/D**

You will be transferred to Yangshuo this morning by a private bus. This morning, your family gets a “hands on” opportunity with a cooking class in one of the local restaurants. Then relax and enjoy your own cooked Chinese lunch. After the lunch, enjoy a bamboo rafting trip on the Yulong River in afternoon. The Yulong River is a branch of the Li River. Its scenery is even more beautiful than the scenery along the Li River. Your children will love the bamboo rafting on the Yulong River than the tourist cruise on the Li River.

You will be transferred back to Guilin at late afternoon.



DAY 12 : SUNDAY GUILIN/OTHER DESTINATION CITIES

meals: **B**

Today you will be transferred to either airport or train station, or bus station for traveling to the next destination city.

Please give us your traveling information including orphanage city and your preferred international gateway city (Guangzhou, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Beijing, etc.). We will create remainder of the trip as a private family tour. You may choose timing for your visit to the orphanage, your child’s hometown city visit and more. This customized portion of the trip is determined according to your specifications and is not included in the base tour cost.



REMARKS:

B = Breakfast **L** = Chinese Lunch **D** = Chinese Dinner
CA = Air China **CZ** = China Southern Airline **MU** = China Eastern Airlines

TOUR PRICES:

USD2,199.00/per adult & **USD1,760.00**/per child

ACCOMMODATIONS:

CITY	HOTEL
Beijing	Grand Concordia Hotel, Beijing
Xian	Holiday Inn Xi'an High-Tech Zone
Hu County	Donghan Village
Chengdu	Tibet Hotel, Chengdu
Guilin	Guilin Exhibition Int'l Hotel

HOTEL INFORMATION:

HOTEL	Indoor Pool	Outdoor Pool	Gym	Safe Box	Refrigerator	Hair Dryer	Kitchen
Grand Concordia Hotel, Beijing	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Holiday Inn Xi'an High-Tech Zone			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Donghan Village					✓		✓
Tibet Hotel, Chengdu			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Guilin Exhibition Int'l Hotel	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	



INCLUSIONS:

- Bullet train fare of Beijing/Xian/Chengdu;
- Airfare of Chengdu/Guilin;
- Airport/hotel/airport (or train station) transfer as listed on itinerary.
- All listed sightseeing and tour programs with private English-speaking tour guide and private van or bus with driver.
- Hotels and meals as stipulated on itinerary.
- All prices are quoted in US Dollars and are subject to change without notice. Please check at time of booking.
- All prices are quoted per person based on two people sharing a room (double occupancy). Single supplement applies for single travelers.

EXCLUSIONS

- N. America/China/N. America int'l airfare. Please contact us for discount international airfare starting from your city.
- Passport and/or China Visa Fees
- Some meals
- Tips to guides and drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature;
- Extending trip to orphanage city or other destination cities after Guilin which can be arranged with extra cost by us;

NOTES:

- For different scheduled tour, please contact us for a price quote
- A child has to be less than 12 years old to receive a discount.
- Twin beds in China hotels, about 40 – 50 inches wide, are closer in width to the 54" double size beds in the U.S., and much wider than the 39 inches wide twin beds found in U.S. homes.
- If your itinerary states "free time" or "free day", no activities would be planned for you and your English-speaking tour guide and driver would not be present.
- Lotus Travel highly recommends clients to purchase travel insurance. The Travel Plus Plan offered by the Travelex Insurance Company has excellent travel benefits and children 15 and under are free of charge when traveling with an adult.
- You need to apply for your Chinese visa 3 months before the trip. Please visit our website at <https://lotustours.net/visa-service/> for detailed visa information and contact our visa agent – Vicky at vickyzwjin@aliyun.com for any visa questions
- Balance is due 60 days before departure.

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