

Pearl of East Homeland Heritage Tour



This tour starts and ends in two different cities with claims to the title: "Largest". Beijing has the largest geographical area and Shanghai has the largest population. The trips to your child's province on days 8-10 are customized according to your preferences and price is determined accordingly.

TOUR OVERVIEW

Tour Code: **PEHHT-08**

Trip Duration: **14 days/13 nights**

Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, Shanghai

Departure Dates: **Every Sunday**

DAY 1 : US/BEIJING

meals: **N/A**

Begin your tour to China's most popular historical sites and cities today when you depart from the US gateway city for Beijing.

DAY 2 : BEIJING

meals: **N/A**

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

DAY 3 : 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 the 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. This afternoon, stop by at the major 2008 Olympic Venues including the National Stadiums - "Bird's Nest", the National Aquatics Center - "Watercube" on the way to the imperial gardens of the Summer Palace. The palace was originally built in 1750 and was rebuilt in 1886. Located in the western outskirts of the city, the Summer Palace is the leading classical garden in China and a UNESCO world heritage site.



DAY 4 : BEIJING

meals: **B/L**

Visit the UNESCO world heritage site today. Begin your day with a tour at the MuTianYu section of the Great Wall. Constructed more than 2,000 years ago by China's first emperor, the ancient wall is the world's longest man-made structure at approximately 4,000 miles in length.



DAY 5 : BEIJING/XIAN

meals: **B/L/D**

Explore the fascinating Hutong neighborhoods. Beijing's oldest Hutongs were constructed during the Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties. Your tour will take you through some of the best-preserved Hutong neighborhoods, which represented the history, culture and lifestyle of old Beijing.

After a special homemade lunch at a local family residence in the Hutong Lane area, your family can learn how to make your own kites under professional instructions, and then fly your handmade kites with others at the Temple of Heaven which is China's largest temple and altar. It is often regarded as the most recognizable symbol of China. Early this evening, get onboard a luxury express train for your overnight journey to Xian.

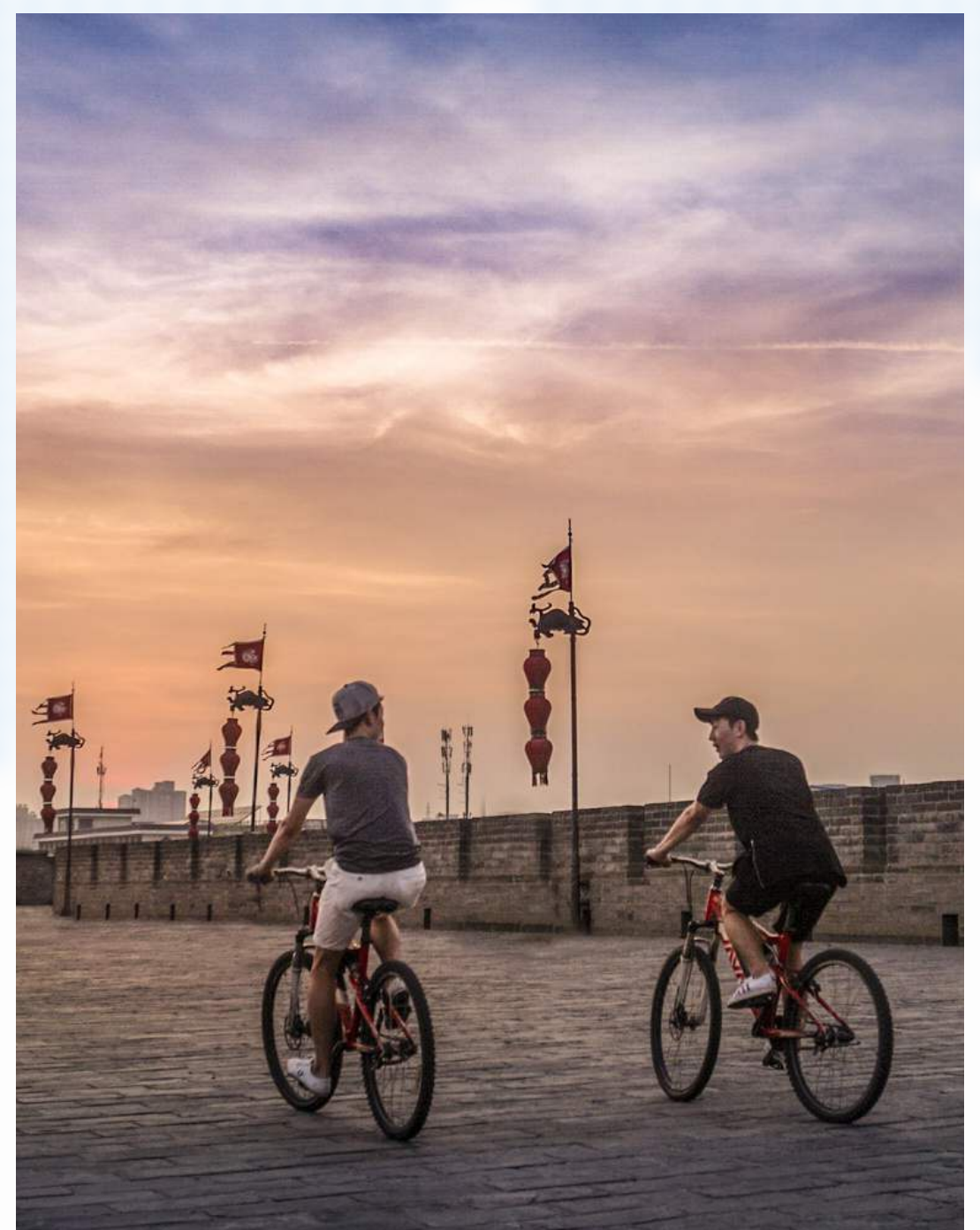


DAY 6 : XIAN

meals: **L**

Arrive early this morning in China's ancient capital city of Xian. Known as ChangAn in ancient times, Xian was the capital city of China for 1,062 years (13 dynasties and under the reign of 73 different emperors); visit the Xi'an Museum for an in-depth look at China's extensive history with more than 2,000 items on exhibit.

In the afternoon, get on top the 950-year-old city wall and ride a bike; be sure to enjoy the panoramic view of the city. Built during the early Ming Dynasty with a core of mud covered by three layers of bricks, it is the only city wall to remain intact in China today.



DAY 7 : XIAN

meals: **B/L**

Embark on an amazing historical and cultural adventure today and begin with an exploration at the Terracotta Warriors and Horses Museum, where you will find lifelike terracotta soldiers, horses, chariots and weapons created more than 2,000 years ago to guard the first emperor's tomb. Their vibrant painted details worn away during weathering, thus revealing their original earthy color.

Learn to make JiaoZi (traditional Chinese dumplings) in a local restaurant and have JiaoZi lunch there. This evening, relax and unwind. Enjoy recording your experiences of the day in a journal or just lounging in your fine hotel room.



DAY 8 : XIAN/CHENGDU

meals: **B/L**

Wrap up your amazing experiences in Xian and be prepared for your new wonderful adventures while you fly to Chengdu; have your cameras ready to capture all the precious moments! After lunch, visit the Chengdu Children's Palace where you could learn the basic techniques of Chinese calligraphy and landscape painting; certainly a fun activity for both adults and children.



DAY 9 : CHENGDU

meals: **B/L**

Embark on an extraordinary journey to the Panda Breeding Research Base this morning. After lunch, visit the fascinating SanXingDui Museum. Little is known about the mysterious cultural and religious beliefs of the people of SanXingDui, yet visitors can gain a sense of the culture through intriguing displays of ancient and rare artifacts used in daily life and religious ceremonies.



DAY 10 : CHENGDU/PROVINCE

meals: **B**

Depart Chengdu and travel to the capital city of the designated province for an orphanage visit. Lotus guides will sensitively and carefully assist your family as you embark on this most meaningful portion of your return trip. On this initial day of the city visit, one can spend time strolling the area and absorbing a sense of the city and locale.

DAY 11 : PROVINCE

meals: **N/A**

Design the itinerary you wish for the hometown area visit. Most often it includes an orphanage visit and meeting staff in the morning, followed by a lunch meal at a local restaurant. If desired, we have guides are also trained to assist adoptees/families who choose to explore clues for birth family connections. Please let us know your goals and we will customize plans according to your objectives. You may contact iris@lotustours.net to discuss additional questions.



DAY 12 : PROVINCE/SHANGHAI

meals: **N/A**

This morning take some final glimpses around your child's province to capture your special memories. After breakfast, depart for Shanghai.

DAY 13 : SHANGHAI

meals: **B/L**

Begin your adventure with a relaxing walk along the Bund near the Huang Pu River. Then visit the Yu Yuan Garden and enjoy its intricately designed pathways, pavilions, koi stocked pools and quiet courtyards; then pass by the shops and restaurants in YuYuan Bazaar on your way to lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Jade Buddha (Yufo) Temple. As you enter the temple grounds, you might hear prayers of the monks and glimpse the smoke of incense curling toward the sky.



DAY 14 : SHANGHAI/US

meals: **B**

Meet your private English-speaking tour guide and driver at the hotel lobby and travel to the Shanghai Pudong Airport for your international flight back to the United States. Cross the International Dateline and arrive home on the same day.



REMARKS:

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

TOUR PRICES: VALID: APR 01, 2024 - MAR 31, 2026

GROUP SIZE/TOUR TYPE	1 PAX	2-3 PAX	6-9 PAX	HOTEL SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
Standard Class	\$4,270.00	\$2,470.00	\$1,850.00	\$480.00
Deluxe Class	\$4,390.00	\$2,530.00	\$1,910.00	\$510.00
Superior Class	\$4,880.00	\$2,780.00	\$2,160.00	\$700.00

Note: Child price is 80% of adult price.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

CITY	STANDARD CLASS	DELUXE CLASS	SUPERIOR CLASS
Beijing	Phoenix Palace Hotel	Novotel Peace Hotel	Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong
Xian	Tang City Hotel	Grand Noble Hotel	Xi'an DaJing Castle Hotel
Chengdu	Chengdu Ibis Hotel	Minshan Lhasa Grand Hotel	Chengdu Tibet Hotel
Shanghai	Holiday Inn Express	Shanghai BaoLong Hotel	Northern Hotel Shanghai



HOTEL INFORMATION:

HOTEL	Indoor Pool	Outdoor Pool	Gym	Safe Box	Refrigerator	Hair Dryer	Kitchen
Phoenix Palace Hotel					✓	✓	
Novotel Peace Hotel	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Tang City Hotel						✓	
Grand Noble Hotel			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Xi'an DaJing Castle Hotel			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chengdu Ibis Hotel			✓		✓	✓	
Minshan Lhasa Grand Hotel			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chengdu Tibet Hotel			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Holiday Inn Express				✓	✓	✓	
Shanghai BaoLong Hotel	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northern Hotel Shanghai	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

INCLUSIONS:

- Beijing/Xian soft sleeper train tickets
- Airfare of Xian/Chengdu
- Airport/hotel/airport (or train station) transfer as listed on itinerary
- Tour price includes hotel accommodations, sightseeing and meals as noted in the itinerary, intra-China airfare, private transfers and ground transportation, and the services of an English- speaking guide and 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:

- US/Beijing, Guangzhou/US international 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
- Provincial Civil Affairs Bureau orphanage visit filing fee
- Side trips to the designated provinces on Day 10 - 12 and the airfare of Chengdu - province city - Shanghai which can be arranged with extra cost by us
- Optional Program.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Deposit: A **\$500** per person non-refundable deposit needs to be sent to us within one week in order to guarantee the above quotes.
- Balance: Balance is due 60 days before departure.
- Airfare: Airfare is due at time of ticket issuance.
- Terms & Conditions: Our terms are listed on our website's footer area.

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