

FASCINATING CHINA 2026 TENTATIVE DAY TO DAY ITINERARY SEPTEMBER 16th – 27th 2026

Day 1: We are picked up at our homes today and whisked off to Pearson airport for our direct non-stop flight to Beijing

Day 2: Arrive in Beijing

Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be warmly welcomed at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Relax and prepare for the exciting journey ahead.

Day 3: Beijing

Begin the day with a visit to Tiananmen Square, the second-largest public square in the world. Next, explore the Forbidden City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the largest, best-preserved imperial palace complexes in existence. For lunch, savor the iconic flavors of Peking Roast Duck, a dish that beautifully combines tradition and innovation. This afternoon, we'll visit the UNESCO-listed Temple of Heaven, a symbol of ancient Chinese culture, before exploring Beijing's historic Hutongs on a traditional rickshaw. This immersive experience includes a visit to a local family home!

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Beijing

Today's highlight is a visit to the awe-inspiring Great Wall of China, the most iconic symbol of China's rich history. Enroute to the Great Wall, stop at one of Asia's largest Jade Exhibitions to learn about jade's cultural significance in China. Climb a portion of this magnificent 3,700-mile structure and take in breathtaking views. Here, you'll be captivated by stunning stone carvings and ancient watchtowers that gracefully wind along the majestic mountain ranges, enhancing the grandeur of this historical landmark. With a picnic-style lunch included, you can fully immerse yourself in this architectural masterpiece at your own pace, soaking in its breathtaking scenery.

On the return journey, drive past the Bird's Nest and Water Cube, two architectural marvels built for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and symbols of modern China. Enjoy the rest of the day at your own pace

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5: Beijing - Xi'an

After breakfast, visit a traditional Chinese health center to discover the principles of Traditional Chinese Medicine, including acupuncture and herbal remedies.

Later, take the high-speed train to Xi'an. Over a period for more than 2000 years, Xi'an was the capital of eleven dynasties. Upon arrival, visit an Art Ceramics Factory before visiting Ancient City Wall. It is the most complete ancient military defense systems in the world. Then enjoy the unique Shaanxi dinner in local restaurant.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6: Xi'an

Today you will visit the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses Museum and see the attached life-sized defending army for the first emperor of China, Qin Shi Huang. This site is regarded as "the eighth wonder of the world" and is among the top archaeological excavations of the 20th century. This evening we'll enjoy a special Imperial Dumpling Banquet dinner and the traditional Tang Dynasty Singing and dancing Show!

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7: Xi'an - Hangzhou

Today, we will take a flight to Hangzhou, famously described by Marco Polo as "the most beautiful and magnificent city in the world." Upon arrival, check into your hotel and relax.

This evening, we will attend the "Enduring Memories of Hangzhou" performance, a mesmerizing show that brings the legends of West Lake to life through music, lights, and water effects.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 8: Hangzhou - Wuxi

Enjoy a morning boat ride on West Lake, known for its ethereal beauty, surrounded by lush landscapes and historic sites. Afterwards, visit the Dragon Well Tea Plantation for an authentic tea-tasting experience and insight into the production of this famed green tea.

In the afternoon, transfer to Wuxi. Check into your hotel and relax for the evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 9: Wuxi - Suzhou

Begin the day with a visit to a Freshwater Pearl Factory, where you can learn how these natural treasures are cultivated. Visit Lihu Park, a scenic lakeside park offering tranquil views, lush greenery, and charming walking paths perfect for relaxation and photography.

In the afternoon, transfer to Suzhou, a city renowned for its canals and classical gardens. Check into your hotel and relax for the evening.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 10: Suzhou - Shanghai

Start the morning with a visit to the Lingering Garden, a UNESCO-listed classical Chinese garden and a masterpiece of traditional landscaping. Suzhou, often called the "Venice of the East," is defined by its charming canals. Afterwards we'll enjoy the "Grand Canal Cruise" to experience Suzhou's waterways and witness local life along China's historic golden waterway.

Next, visit a Silk Museum to learn about silk production—from silkworm to exquisite fabrics. In the afternoon, transfer to Shanghai - a vibrant metropolis blending modern skyscrapers with historic charm. Stroll along the Bund, a mile-long waterfront promenade showcasing colonial architecture and stunning views of the Huangpu River.

This evening, we'll be awed by Shanghai's dazzling illuminated skyline at night as we enjoy the Huangpu River Night Cruise!

Meals: Breakfast



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Day 11: Shanghai

This morning, visit the Shanghai History Museum, renowned for its impressive collection of ancient Chinese art. Then experience the best of Shanghai with the God City Temple and Trade Tower High Visit optional tour (USD\$50)! Immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of the God City Temple area, where historic architecture, vibrant markets, and mouthwatering local delicacies await. Then, ascend the Trade Tower for stunning panoramic views of Shanghai's dazzling skyline—a perfect fusion of tradition and modernity!

Meals: Breakfast

Day 12: Shanghai – North America

After breakfast, check-out and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Canada. We'll carry with us memories of this ancient civilization that will last a lifetime!

Meals: Breakfast – WELCOME HOME!

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