

China Exploration Tour

SASI Solar Eclipse China 2009 Exploration Tour

13 days to Shanghai, Suzhou, Xitang, Hangzhou, Xian & Beijing

17 July – 29 July 2009



Tour Highlights:

Shanghai: Yu Garden, The Bund, Shanghai Museum, Oriental Pearl TV Tower, Acrobatic Show, Nanjing Road, Maglev Train; **Suzhou:** Leaning Pagoda, Humble Administrator's Garden, Silk Factory, Xitang Water-town. **Hangzhou:** Solar Eclipse, West Lake, Tea Plantation, Song Dynasty Theme Park **Xian:** City Wall, Terracotta Warrior and Horses, Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Tang Show, Dumpling Banquet. **Beijing:** Great Wall of China, Forbidden City, Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven, Hutong Tour, Beijing Duck, Gongfu Show etc.

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Itinerary

13 days tour to Shanghai, Suzhou, Xitang, Hangzhou, Xian & Beijing



Day 1: 17 July 09 Australia ✈ Shanghai

Depart on your flight China Eastern Airlines from Sydney to Shanghai. Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to the hotel.

Day 2: 18 July 09 Shanghai Meal: B/L/D

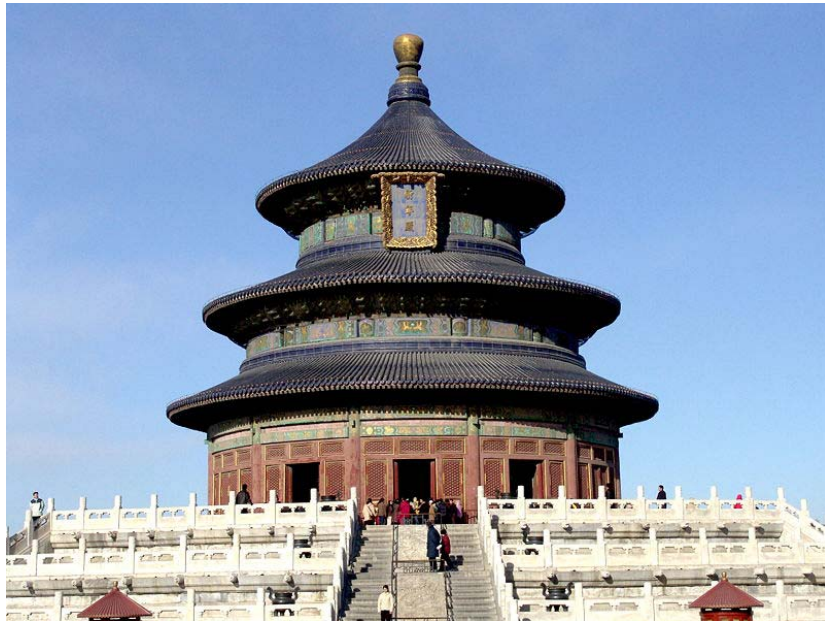
After breakfast, the day begins with a grand city tour of Shanghai – the classical Ming Dynasty Yu Yuan Gardens with pavilions, towers and terraces. The tour continues after lunch with visit to the modern Shanghai Museum and Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre. After dinner, you will take cruise on the Huangpu River and enjoy the exceptional night view of the Bund.

Day 3: 19 July 09 Shanghai Meal: B/L/D

In the morning, you will visit Pudong, the new economic district across from the Bund; you will visit the Landmark of Shanghai – The Oriental Pearl TV Tower (to Level 2). You will also try the Shanghai Maglev, the fastest train in the world. After lunch with a stroll along the spacious promenade of the Bund, and enjoy the shopping in the bustling Nanjing Road, the biggest shopping street in China. Evening enjoy Shanghai Acrobatics Show.

Day 4: 20 July 09 Shanghai 🚗 Suzhou Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast, take coach to Suzhou, referred to as the “Venice of the East” because it was built around a network of canals and bridges, which fan out from the Grand Canal. Suzhou is also famous for its charming gardens. Begin the day with a visit to Tiger Hill and the remarkable leaning Cloud Rock Pagoda built from A.D. 961 and still leaning. After lunch, continue our visit to the picturesque Humble Administrator’s Garden, the most famous garden in Suzhou and a stop at the Panman Water Gate, an old water gate built 2500 years ago. Next visit to the Number One Silk Factory to witness the production of the finest silk in China.



Day 11: 27 July 09 Beijing

Meal: B/L/D

Today you will experience the splendour of the Great Wall, the pride of China and one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is an amazing manmade structure built over 2000 years ago to protect China from northern invaders. Next to the Summer Palace, the largest and best preserved of all imperial palace gardens. Marvel with fascination at the Marble Boat and the ornately painted Long Corridor. In the evening, enjoy Gong Fu Show.

Day 12: 28 July 09 Beijing ✈ Shanghai ✈ Australia Meal: B/L

Free time at your own leisure in Beijing in the morning.

Or join us to have academic visit to a university in Beijing (details to be advised).

You will be transferred to the airport for your flight back to Australia via Shanghai on China Eastern Airlines.

Day 13: 29 July 09 Australia

Arrive in Sydney in the morning.



Tariff: A\$3,090 per person Single Supplement A\$930

Inclusions:

1. Twin share **5* hotels** at Shanghai Hilton, Suzhou Sofitel, Hangzhou Radisson Plaza Hotel, Xian Hyatt Hotel, Beijing Holiday Inn Crown Plaza Sun Palace Hotel or similar class.
2. Fully inclusive tour with English speaking guide, entrance fees, meals as per itinerary
3. Travel by luxury, air-conditioned coaches whilst in China.
4. Both International and China domestic flights (Sydney / Shanghai; Hangzhou / Xian / Beijing / Shanghai / Sydney) travelling on China Eastern Airlines (shoulder season)
5. Chinese tea and one glass of soft drink included in all lunch and dinner.
6. China visa
7. All tipping

Exclusions:

1. Any airport taxes (both domestic and international) and fuel surcharges, total \$411 as at Jun 2008 for China Eastern Airlines, and will be reviewed at time of paying balance.
 2. Personal expenses
 3. Travel insurance (Strongly recommended)
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Upgrading:

Business class Sydney / Shanghai return surcharge: A\$1950 per person

Other airlines options:

Fly with Singapore Airlines surcharge: \$370 pp

Fly with Cathay Pacific Airways surcharge: \$370 pp

There is no flight on 28 July from Beijing to Sydney for Qantas, but available on 29 July. \$390 pp surcharge for flying Qantas + extra night in Beijing cost.

Child rate (2-11 years old): 85% of the adult fares. All children 12 years inclusive or older will be considered as adults.

Group Quotation: This quotation is based on a minimum of 40 people, should the group size lower than this, the quotation will be reviewed.

Please note that no reservation has been made at this stage.

Price guaranteed: Prices will be guaranteed if deposit paid before 15 October 2008.



Booking Form

Why Choose China Bestours

- 1 **Backed-up by China Travel Service Head Office (Beijing),**
Your tours to China & beyond will be a happy, safe and memorable experience
- 2 **High Quality, Value for Money**
All group tours are fully inclusive, including all air travel, most meals and entry to attractions. Absolutely good value!
- 3 **Superior Hotels with excellent location**
Hotels are carefully chosen offering superior service and centrally located
- 4 **Leisurely itineraries to explore more of the cities**
All itineraries are designed for an unhurried pace while including all the highlights of the cities.
- 5 **Fabulous meals and evening programmes**
In addition to the standard meals, tours include fabulous local specialty banquets and night shows to make your stay more enjoyable.
- 6 **Comfortable Transportation**
Luxury coaches, superb Cruises and deluxe train travel
- 7 **Excellent Guided Service**
All tours have experienced & professional English speaking CTS tour guides
- 8 **50 Years service** to the world with a world wide network. CTS (China Travel Service) has operated since 1949, now with more than 320 branches all over China and beyond.

Tour Name: SASI Solar Eclipse China 2009 Exploration Tour

Departure Date: 17-Jul-09 Departure City: Sydney

Room Type: Single / Twin / Double / Triple

Clients Details:

	Title	Surname	Other Names	Tel / Fax
1				
2				
3				
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Please attach your passport(s) copy (main page only) for reservation

Home Address: _____

Next of Kin: Name: _____ Tel: _____

Any physical, medical or dietary problem? _____

Deposit Details (A\$200/per person):

Enclosed cheque total A\$_____ for ___ persons.

*Cheque to be made payable to **China Bestours (Aust) Pty Ltd.**

Credit card details: Master__ Visa__ (1% surcharge apply)

Card Holder _____ Total: A\$ _____

Card No. _____ Expiry: ____ / ____

Signature: _____

On behalf of all the persons named above, I have read, understood and accepted the Terms & Conditions in this brochure.

Signature: _____ Name: (please print) _____

Your contact Email:

Remarks:

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Booking / Acceptance

Please read these Terms & Conditions carefully, by making a reservation with us, you have agreed to accept the Terms & Conditions herein. China Bestours accepts a booking with the understanding that full payment will be collected and held by China Bestours. Some of the group tours require a minimum number for a guaranteed departure date. China Bestours reserve the right to cancel the tour due to insufficient number at least 60 days before its departure date. On confirmation of your booking, China Bestours will reserve your place on your selected tours. It is your responsibility as the customer to check the accuracy of your booking and travel dates on receipt of your travel documents.

2. Deposit and final payment

All clients are required to complete the booking form and have them sent to China Bestours to start the reservation. To confirm the reservation, you will be asked to send us a deposit for each tour of \$200 per person within 15 days from the date of booking to secure the reservation. The full amount of deposit will be refunded if we cancel the tour due to insufficient numbers. The balance of the tour payment must be received by us no later than 60 days before departure. If we do not receive the tour deposit or final payment by the due dates, we reserve the right to cancel the reservation. In the case of billing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with correct pricing. For group tours, a late booking (within 30 days prior to departure) fee of \$120 may apply. All group air tickets are with strict conditions of non-refundable, non-transferable and non-changeable.

A second deposit of \$800 per person required if your air ticket requested to be issued by the airline before the due date of balance payment.

3. Cancellations and cancellation fees

Cancellations are very costly and usually do not occur in time for re-sale of the cancelled tour. All cancellation must be sent to China Bestours in writing. If cancellation in writing is received by China Bestours more than 60 days prior to departure, half of the deposit will be forfeited. For cancellations received within 60 days prior to departure, the following per person cancellation fees apply.

60-45 days prior to departure: total of the deposit
44-25 days prior to departure: 60% of total price
24-02 days prior to departure: 85% of total price
on departure day and later: 100% of total price

China Bestours reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any tours, the only responsibility of China Bestours will be to refund to the passenger the amount we have received for the tour reservation. All tour itineraries are subject to minor change upon local arrangement.

4. Insurance

There is no insurance coverage in our tour price; and no responsibility is accepted by China Bestours for any loss of or damage to baggage or any of the tour participant's belongings. We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive insurance cover against any cancellation, medical expenses, personal accident, lose or damage of personal baggage / belongings, money and public liability before you travel.

5. Amendment fees

A fee of \$50 per transaction may apply for any alteration or amendment made to a confirmed reservation. Airline penalties may also apply. A change to traveler name after air tickets have been issued will be treated as a cancellation and cancellation fees apply.

6. Travelers who need special assistance

You must report any disability on the booking form at the time of reservation. China Bestours will assist the special needs of the less mobile travelers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so. We regret that we cannot provide any individual assistance to a tour participant during the tour, so a qualified companion must accompany travelers who need such assistance, who must take total responsibility for the handicapped participant on the whole tour.

7. Single Traveler

For Group tours only, China Bestours will try to match up singles of the same gender in twin-bedded rooms. But when finalizing the tour, if we fail to match you, a forced single supplement, which is 75% of the normal single supplement, will apply. Please note this policy cannot be offered for pre and post tour accommodation.

8. Price Guarantee

All prices are in Australian dollars based on twin share and subject to change without notice due to increases of airfares, hotel accommodation charges or currency exchange rate fluctuations. However, the tour prices are guaranteed for those who have paid their deposit or full payment, but except any Government / airport tax and charges increase. The number of days duration in the itineraries include the day of departure and the day of return to Australia.

9. Visas & Passports

A valid national passport is needed for all tours. Please make sure that your passport is valid for at least 6 months from date of travel. All passengers must obtain visas to visit China; it is your responsibility to make sure that you have obtained the visa before leaving Australia.

10. Items not included in the tour price

Airport taxes and fees; passports and vaccinations; unscheduled meals and interstate travel from any place to departure city, laundry, beverages; travel insurance; excess baggage fees; all other items of a personal nature.

11. Service inquiries after the tour

If after returning from the tour, you wish to inquire about any tour services provided, please ensure that all correspondences relating to those services is received by China Bestours (Aust) P/L (address below), within 30 days of the tour completion date. This will enable China Bestours to make a timely investigation. China Bestours will not be liable for any claims made 30 days after the tour / service completion.

12. Safety

Please be aware that during your participation in tours operated by China Bestours, certain risks and dangers may arise beyond our control including, but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in undeveloped areas; travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation; the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. China Bestours will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that China Bestours will use its best

efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken.

13. Limitations of Responsibility

China Bestours (Aust) Pty Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as the Company) is responsible to you in making arrangements for the tour services offered in this brochure, including transportation, sightseeing, and accommodations.

The carriers, accommodation providers, and other suppliers providing tour services are independent contractors and are not agents, employees, or servants of, or joint ventures with, the Company or its affiliates. All certificates and other travel documents for tour services issued by the Company are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the suppliers, and to the laws of the countries in which the services are supplied.

If, after tour departure, the services included in the tour cannot be supplied, or there are changes in an itinerary for reasons beyond the control of the Company, the Company will arrange for the provision of comparable services. Any resulting additional expense will be payable by travelers and any resulting saving will be refunded by the Company to tour participants.

The tour participant agrees that the Company shall not be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss) or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services, or any insurer or insurance administrator or of any other person.

Legal proceedings against the Company may be instituted only in a state or federal court with the State of New South Wales, and any claim involved in such proceedings shall be decided in accordance with the laws of the State of New South Wales. Any legal proceedings against the Company must be commenced within one year following the date of tour completion. The Company shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and you hereby waive any right to punitive damages.

14. General

Please note that no airlines or carrier depicted or recommended in this brochure by virtue of their endorsement of the brochure represents themselves either as contracting with or any other legal relationship with any such purchaser.

Every effort is made to ensure the brochure accuracy at the time of going to print, however China Bestours cannot be held responsible for printing and typographical errors, or errors arising from unforeseen circumstances.

15. Trade name

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