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# Emperors, Warriors, Dumplings & Pandas: 2010 China Family Tour

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Beijing • Xian • Chengdu • Shanghai

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## TOUR DETAILS

11 Days / 10 Nights

Beijing - Xian - Chengdu - Shanghai

PREMIUM PROGRAM FEATURES THE PENINSULA & SHANGRI-LA HOTELS

DELUXE PROGRAM FEATURING THE PARK PLAZA, SHERATON, TIBET, & SWISSOTEL HOTELS

### BASED ON A FAMILY OF 3

PREMIUM PROGRAM  
US \$4510 per person triple occupancy

DELUXE PROGRAM  
US \$3790 per person triple occupancy

### BASED ON A FAMILY OF 4

PREMIUM PROGRAM  
US \$4420 per person double occupancy, two rooms

DELUXE PROGRAM  
US \$3620 per person double occupancy, two rooms

### BASED ON A FAMILY OF 5

PREMIUM PROGRAM  
US \$4265 per person double & triple occupancy, two rooms

DELUXE PROGRAM  
US \$3480 per person double & triple occupancy, two rooms

### INTERNAL FLIGHTS (ECONOMY CLASS)

US \$704 per person - *subject to change*  
(Beijing - Xian - Chengdu - Shanghai)

**PRICING VALID FOR ARRIVAL ON OR AFTER JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2010. TRAVEL MUST BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2010**

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

All hotel accommodations as noted

Meals as specified on itinerary

Private English speaking guides for all sightseeing

Entrance fees for sightseeing included

### WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

International air travel

Travel insurance

Airport departure taxes

Any meals not noted on itinerary

Beverages at included meals

Visa fees

Personal items and alcoholic beverages

Excess baggage fees

Gratuities for guides, drivers and hotel services

From the infamous Great Wall and Forbidden City of Beijing to the adorable pandas of Chengdu, China is an amazing destination that is bound to delight children and adults alike. This family focused tour includes the highlights of China while allowing children the opportunity to experience this fascinating destination in an unforgettable way! Your journey begins in the ancient imperial capital of Beijing where your family will discover family life in the Hutongs as well as the chance to take a toboggan ride down from the Great Wall. Continue to Xian where you discover the ancient terracotta warriors before visiting Chengdu where you enjoy an up close and personal experience with the pandas. Your journey ends in Shanghai with its modern skyscrapers and amazing acrobats.

### Day 1 Beijing

Today you arrive in Beijing. You will be met by a Cox & Kings representative and transferred to your hotel.

**The Peninsula (Grand Deluxe Room) or Park Plaza (Guest Room)**

### Day 2 Beijing

Today you visit **Tiananmen Square** and the **Forbidden City**. Tiananmen Square is the largest public square in the world and has long been a gathering place for locals and visitors alike. On the north side of the square is Tiananmen Gate (the Rostrum). Behind the Rostrum lies the Forbidden City, also known as the Imperial Palace.

**The Forbidden City** (Imperial Palace) was home to 24 emperors beginning with Emperor Yongle who built this amazing Palace in 1420 until the last Qing emperor, Puyi, left in 1924. The entire complex consists of 8,706 rooms in which an estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people lived including 3,000 eunuchs, as well as maids and concubines, all within 170 acres. (Restoration is ongoing)

After lunch at **My Humble House**, your visit to the magnificent city continues with a visit to the **Hutongs** for a taste of old Beijing. While here, visit the workshop of a **local kite maker** where the children will receive a kite. Afterward, visit a traditional home in the Hutongs where you learn about daily local life and have the opportunity to **cook a traditional local dish** in the outdoor kitchen.

**The Peninsula (Grand Deluxe Room) or Park Plaza (Guest Room) (B, L)**

### Day 3 Beijing

Today is a full day tour to the **Great Wall at Mutianyu**. Everybody who visits Peking wants to see the Great Wall and for good reason: it is one of the wonders of the world. Enjoy stunning views of the wall snaking its way across the surrounding countryside. Here you will have the opportunity to try flying your kite and for the adventurous, take a **toboggan ride** back down to the bottom of the Wall. Lunch is offered at **The School House** before returning to the city.

This evening, explore the **Night Food Market** with your guide where various wonderful and weird snacks can be seen.

**The Peninsula (Grand Deluxe Room) or Park Plaza (Guest Room) (B, L)**

**Day 4 Beijing**

This morning visit the **Temple of Heaven** where Emperors came to pray for good harvests. Now, local residents practice ballroom dancing or Tai Chi. After lunch at **Bai Family Mansion**, continue to the **Imperial Summer Palace**. This evening, enjoy a fantastic performance of **Kung Fu**, the traditional martial art of China.

**The Peninsula (Grand Deluxe Room) or Park Plaza (Guest Room) (B, L)**

**Day 5 Beijing - Xian**

After a leisurely morning, your guide meets you and transfers you to the airport for your flight to Xian. Upon arrival, your guide will meet you and transfer you to your hotel. Enjoy some time at leisure and this evening experience the superb local **Tang Dynasty Show** in the Grand Theater.

**The Shangri-La (Deluxe Room) or Sheraton (Superior Room) (B)**

**Day 6 Xian**

Today is your highlight of your tour to Xian as you explore the legacy of the **Terracotta Warriors** and visit the incredible burial site where they were discovered only recently. Enjoy a that passes by the **Mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shihuang** and the **Warriors** themselves who stand guard over Emperor Qin's tomb. A very simple lunch is offered at the Warriors Museum and this afternoon enjoy a visit to the impressive **Shaanxi Museum** and to the **Wild Goose Pagoda**.

**The Shangri-La (Deluxe Room) or Sheraton (Superior Room) (B, L)**

**Day 7 Xian - Chengdu**

This morning, visit to the **Old City** of Xian seeing the old **City Walls**, where a short **bike or buggy ride** is enjoyed, the **Islamic Quarter** and the **Great Mosque**, which is a beautiful spot in the midst of peaceful gardens. For lunch, feast on a traditional **Dumpling Banquet** at **De Fa Cheng Restaurant** before visiting the newly opened **Warriors of the Han Dynasty**. Afterwards, transfer to the airport for your afternoon flight to Chengdu. Upon arrival, your guide will meet you as you exit the Restricted Area transfer you to your hotel.

**The Shangri-La (Deluxe Room) or Tibet Hotel (Guest Room) (B, L)**

**Day 8 Chengdu**

Today is the highlight of your visit to Chengdu as you visit the **Bisheng Gorge Panda Sanctuary** at Ya'an, home to 80 pandas. A 2 hour drive from Chengdu, the Sanctuary offers an amazing natural experience and has won over admiration world wide for the work they are doing. At Bisheng Gorge you will have some wonderful experiences including the possibilities of playing with young pandas as part of their socialization and bottle feeding much younger pandas (subject to availability; supplementary charges apply). Later this afternoon, you will return to your hotel in Chengdu.

**Day 9 Chengdu to Shanghai**

After a leisurely morning, transfer to the airport for your flight to Shanghai. Upon arrival your guide meets you as you exit the Restricted Area and transfers you to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a spectacular performance of the **Shanghai Acrobatics**.

**Day 10 Shanghai**

Start your morning with a visit to **the Bund**, a wide boulevard lined with impressive neo-classical buildings. Enjoy a ride through the **Bund Sightseeing Tunnel**. Afterwards, visit the **Yu Yuan Gardens**, located at the heart of the city. Legend has it that Yu Yuan's Gardens were built in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by the eccentric and gifted landscape architect Zhang Nanyang who was commissioned by the Pan family of the Ming court.

Continue to the **Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Hall**, which fully displays the achievements of Shanghai in city planning and construction, and adopts modern exhibition technology. Citizens and tourists can see the developments of

Shanghai in urban planning and construction ever since the reform and opening-up of the country, in particular since the 1990s, and the rapid changes of the Pudong New Area. The main model of urban planning, which is in the proportion of 1:2000, is the world's largest model of urban planning.

Enjoy a traditional Shanghainese lunch at **Din Tai Fung Restaurant** before returning to the hotel for an afternoon at leisure.

**The Peninsula (Deluxe Garden Room) or Swissotel (Classic Room) (B, L)**

**Day 11 Depart China**

At a convenient time, you will transfer to the airport by private car for your homeward bound flight.

**\*End of Cox & Kings arrangements\***

**Weather Overview**

From June - August, weather in China will be hot with temperatures in the mid 80s - 90° F

**Visa**

A visa is required for US Passport Holders to visit China and it must be obtained in the US prior to your departure.

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